

State SS Convention Set March 11-12

The annual Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held March 11-12 at Jackson's First Church.

Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday School Secretary, said the theme of the conference would be "The Sunday School and World Missions."

Several hundred Mississippi Baptist Sunday School leaders and workers are expected for the meeting, to begin Monday night at 7 o'clock and adjourn at 9:15 Tuesday night.

Dr. W. M. Shamburger, pastor of First Church, Tyler, Texas, will be the principal visiting inspirational speaker, delivering messages Tuesday morning and Tuesday night.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, will be the principal speaker Monday night. Soloist will be Mrs. Bette Stalnecker, soloist for Bellevue Church, Memphis.

SBC Problems Aired At Editors' Meeting

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP)—A Baptist editor said here the Southern Baptist Convention faces four "Concerns"—declines, relations with other religious bodies, doctrinal issues and race relations.

Another Baptist editor said special offerings in the SBC are not consistent with the business and financial plan of the convention.

These addresses were before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. It includes the editors of 28 Southern Baptist weekly state papers and certain other SBC journals.

J. Marse Grant of Raleigh named the four areas of concern in a speech titled, "Which Southern Baptists?" Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, singled out the decline in seminary enrollment. He said the increase in church membership is less than the increase in population, and added that Sunday School enrollment gains in the SBC took a downward plunge.

But, he added, the decline may leave the churches with a "committed core of believers." Persons who drifted into the church only for social standing or from fear of war may be drifting out of it, he said.

He denied he ever proposed a merger of the SBC and the American Baptist Convention. "I pleaded for a more united witness rather than for organic merger," said Grant. "It hurts me to see us take the attitude that only we are right."

"Let's Face It"

"Let's face it," he continued, "Southern Baptists can't win the world alone. Would you agree with me that evangelical Christianity could never win a numbers battle?" This is why the united witness is needed.

He asked Baptists to keep an open mind and to refresh themselves.

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SERIES TEMPERANCE MEETINGS PLANNED

A series of 77 associational temperance meetings, designed "to acquaint the people of Mississippi with the temperance situation in the state," has been planned, it has been announced by Rev. C. M. Day, Director of Temperance for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The meetings, one scheduled for each association, will be held March 4-April 19.

A central kick-off meeting has been planned for Feb. 28 at the Baptist Building in Jackson when plans for the series will be discussed and adopted.

Two speakers have been scheduled for the kick-off meeting. Rev. Sam Scantland, secretary, Department of Missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, will speak on "How to Organize Temperance Work for More Effective Results."

Mark Lower, Associate Director, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Alexandria, will address the group on "How to Present Temperance in a More Effective Way."

Purpose Projected

Directing the series of meetings will be Mr. Day, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, and the Temperance Committee of the Convention Board, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Koscusko, chairman.

Further purposes include the following: To suggest what can be done to maintain prohibition, to urge repeal of the "black market" tax on liquor, to urge citizens to make their wishes known to candidates in behalf of sobriety, to encourage those elected by keeping in touch with them, and letting them know of Baptist support in maintaining law and order, to encourage citizens to vote for those who pledge themselves to abstinence and sobriety, and to assess the influence of the legislative reform.

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Baptists Mark 300th Year of Freedom Charter

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (RNS)—Baptists sponsored a service in historic First Baptist Meeting House here to mark the 300th anniversary of Rhode Island's Royal Charter of 1663.

The service, attended by some 1,400 persons, also paid tribute to the memory of Dr. John Clarke, a Baptist minister who founded Newport, R. I., and worked 12 years in England to secure the charter.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, president of Brown University, observed that the charter was a "novelty" in that it guaranteed religious freedom in a century of religious conflict.

"Out of the strife of this bloody century came the tolerance of today, but it was a tolerance of exhaustion," he said.

This tolerance, he continued, produced in the state the "long habit of seeking to find common elements in various religions and trying to pre-

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More Liberty Possible In Spain

WASHINGTON (BP)—The prospect of a new law granting increased liberty "May bring in a new day for Baptists and other evangelists in Spain," in the opinion of Josef Nordenhaug said when Alonso Alvarez de Toledo, secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Washington called his attention to the proposed legislation.

Nordenhaug and the alliance's European secretary, Erik

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erintendent of young people's work, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

State leaders to participate on program will include Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Chester Vaughn, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Burke Murphy, Starkville; Mrs. John Colie, Pascagoula; Mrs. George Eubridge, Bay; Miss Mary Royce Eckles, Greenville; Mrs. Eddie Prather, Tupelo; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Mrs. George Meek, James Webster, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, and Mrs. Hester Blaine, all of Jackson.

Several out-of-state leaders will be present to lead these conferences. These will be:

Visiting Leaders

Harold Marsh, secretary and George Holmes, Ralph Hallbrooks and Harold Anderson, associates, in Alabama Sunday School Department, Montgomery; Henry Love, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Shreveport; Neta Stewart, superintendent junior work, Robert Dowdy, superintendent primary work and Joseph M. Haynes, superintendent directors, kindergarten.



DR. W. M. SHAMBURGER Speaker
MRS. BETTE STALNECKER Soloist

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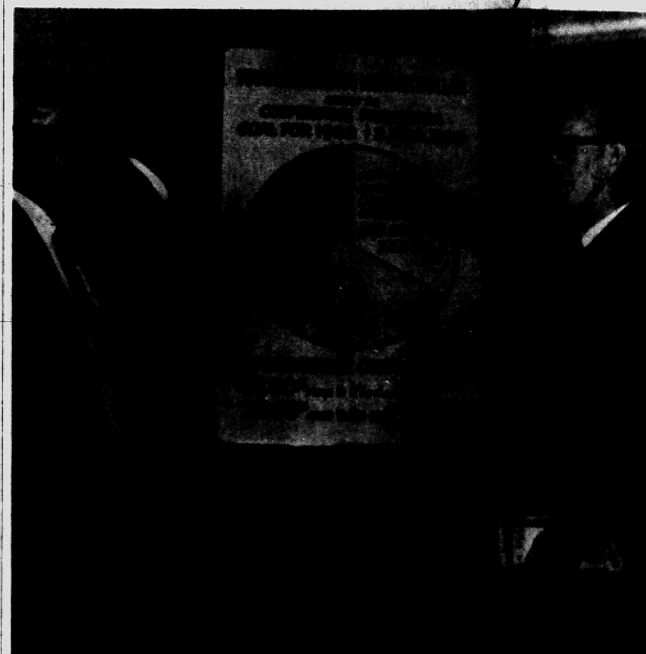
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PIKE PASTOR-DEACON BANQUET—One hundred thirty attended the Pastor-Deacon Banquet held by the Pike County Association. Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church, McComb, points out certain figures on one of the charts used to Frank Church. (Additional pictures on page 6.)

BINKLEY SUCCEEDS SYDNOR L. STEALEY

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—Olin T. Binkley has been elected president of Southeastern Seminary here succeeding Sydnor L. Stealey.

Dr. Stealey told the seminary trustees he will retire July 31. He had planned to retire last year when he became 65 but trustees asked him to remain another year.

The president-elect has been dean of faculty of Southeastern Seminary since 1958. He has been on the faculty of the school since 1952. Southeastern Seminary began operating in 1951. Stealey is the first dean of faculty.

Binkley, 54, was born in Harmony, N. C. He attended Wake Forest College, when it was

located here. The seminary now uses the campus of Wake Forest College (Baptist) vacated in moving to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Binkley graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

He was ordained at Harmony in 1928 to preach the gospel. He was pastor in Chapel Hill, N. C., then headed the department of religion at Wake Forest College.

Was Prof At Southern

Before coming to Southeastern, Binkley was professor of Christian ethics and sociology at Southern Seminary. He has been a college or seminary teacher since 1938.

He has been a trustee of Meredith College (Baptist), Raleigh, N. C., and a member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a letter to trustee chairman Emory B. Denny of Raleigh, president Stealey said:

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IN MISSISSIPPI—

'62 Baptisms 15,824

The churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention baptized 15,824 persons into their membership during 1962, a decrease of 751 under the 16,575 baptized in 1961.

Releasing the figures, compiled by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, was Rev. L. Gordon Samsing, Associate Executive Secretary.

First Church, Columbia, Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor, with 120, led the state in total number of baptisms for the fourth straight year.

In second place was Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Dr. David Grant, pastor with 105 baptisms, while third place went to First Church, Gulfport, Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, with 98 baptisms.

First 11 Listed

Others in the top 11 were: First Pascagoula, Rev. Clark W. McMurray, 94; West Jackson, Rev. Jack Nazary, 84; First, Biloxi, Rev. Schuyler Batson, 83; Hillcrest, Jackson, Rev. G. C. Cox, 83; Magnolia Street, Laurel, Dr. Damon Vaughn, 80; First Greenville, Dr. Perry Claxton, 80; Main Street, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., 79; Calvary, (Continued on page 2)

POAU INTENSIFIES EDUCATION PROGRAM

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—An intensified educational program, to meet "The most serious church-state controversy the United States has known for the past 150 years," has been announced by Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

POAU President Louie D. Newton of Atlanta said the organization would lend its "Strong support" to the efforts of President John F. Kennedy to uphold the first amendment to the U. S. Supreme Court.

He specifically mentioned the Supreme Court for "So properly and unequivocally interpreting the first amendment in a way that prevents sectarian inroads on the federal treasury."

Dr. Newton said the stepped-up education program will include "Public meetings, TV-Radio and Press releases and college and seminary dialogs and seminars."

He said "This program will be vigorously pursued by POAU with special attention to those states where clerical pressures for church school subsidies have been most keenly felt."

Many Situations Faced

He mentioned Minnesota,

Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan and Rhode Island as states currently facing serious possible breaches of the wall separating church and state.

Dr. Newton said the determination of Roman Catholic bishops to block any federal school aid which does not in-

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Peacock Midwest Quits

KANSAS CITY Mo. (BP)—Heber F. Peacock, chairman of the New Testament Department at Midwestern Baptist Seminary here, has resigned.

He said it was due to "a situation which does not offer an opportunity to speak the truth."

His criticism of trustee action in the firing of Professor Ralph H. Elliott from the same faculty brought a reply from Seminary President Millard J. Berquist.

Berquist said, "We propose to continue to build a learning fellowship that shall seek to fulfill its responsibility to the truth which is in Christ and to the denomination of which we are a part."

Peacock said he resigned because of the controversy over Elliott's dismissal. Elliott, who was professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, wrote a

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Theme Set WMU At Kansas City

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—"Laborers together with God" is the theme for the 1963 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting in Kansas City May 6-7 marks the 75th anniversary of the union, according to Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Executive Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Union meeting precedes the year-long session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Claude H. Rhea, dean of the

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Winders Named Committee Head

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (BP)—State Baptist student secretaries will try to find ways they can help enlist and encourage youth who want to enter church-related vocations.

The State Student Directors Association of Southern

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Spiritual Awakening Has Deep Results

By Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby (Seventh of a Series)

As Regeneration is the greatest event in a Christian's life so Revival is the supreme need in a church or nation's life. It brings a new awareness to spiritual realities and values; a Spirit-revealed understanding of the Scriptures.

The spirit of grace and supplication is poured out. Humility, contrition, repentance and restoration cease to be mere terminology of the minister. A new consciousness of the presence of God and the reality of Christ is known.

Deep conviction of sin comes to saint and sinner, a fresh sensitiveness to wrong. Christians are motivated and guided by the Spirit within instead of pressure without. A deeper love for God and mankind leads to service.

Let us see the practical results of the Great Awakening in middle of 18th Century as given by Fish. Jonathan Edwards was God's instrument and others.

A marvelous increase in church membership, 25 to 50,000 a large number then. The American Revival between

1800-1825, there was born. The American Tract Society. The American Bible Society. The American Board of Foreign Missions (Judson, Rice, Nott, Newell and Hall). The Baptist and Methodist Missionary Societies. 17 theological seminaries. Christian papers and magazines.

Appraisal Of Revival

Just before one of our greatest Southern Baptist missionaries returned to his service in the Orient, president of a Seminary, I asked him to make an appraisal of the Shantung Awakening in the light of these thirty years since he had a part in it. He sent the following:

—We seemed to be awakened to the reality of powerless lives in doing our mission work; to the coldness of the churches and indifference of Christians.

—A great burden of prayer came upon many of God's servants. An intense hunger for Christ filled our hearts. The words of Jeremiah became real: "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

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NEARLY 5,000 CHURCHES, MISSIONS REPORTED IN 1962



A. L. NELSON, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, shows points of interest to two of the program personalities during the convention-wide Associational Missionaries Conference held there, as Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, also joins in. From left: Dr. Arthur Rutledge, Secretary Division of Missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, sponsoring agency; Mr. Nelson; Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., Director of the Southern Baptist 30,000 Movement; and Dr. Quarles. (Additional pictures on page three.)

Southern Baptist mission forces reported approximately 5,000 missions and churches started in 1962 as a part of the denomination's effort to organize 30,000 missions and churches by 1964, it was reported last week at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

The effort, known as the 30,000 Movement, was started in 1956, and Director C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C. reported here to a national meeting associational missionaries that 19,117 units have been reported. This includes 5,328 churches and 13,789 missions.

A year ago the report read 14,210—which means 4,907 missions and churches were reported during 1962, a year designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as church extension year.

Reported for the first time in the figures were missions churches by Southern Baptist chaplains (1,305) and by workers in Baptist Student Union (716).

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MISSION SEED SOWN IN '62 BEAR FRUIT IN '63 GIFT

DECATUR, Ga. (BP)—The Biblical law that one reaps what he sows was fulfilled here on the positive side when the first gift for the 1963 Annie Armstrong offering for home missions came from seed sown during the 1962 emphasis.

Century old First Baptist Church of Decatur, a mother and grandmother of a number of missions and churches in this heavily-populated section of Georgia, awoke last year to new responsibilities in nearby institutions.

The awakening was a part of the study of "Glimpses of Glory," one of the mission study books for the annual home mission emphasis, sponsored by the Woman's missionary Union.

The book tells of the birth of the Southern Baptist 30,000 movement, and is written by the founder and present director of the project, C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

Pastor Dick Hall participated in some of the study sessions. He found an awareness of the need and an enthusiasm to meet it. He extended some of the presentations church wide. Other organizations were enlisted within the church.

A staff member was assigned to guide in developing a ministry to people in institutions who could not go to church. The brotherhood made a survey to discover what institutions needed a spiritual ministry, and eventually the church started five such missions.

W.M.U. accepted tasks. One of these was at the Emory Convalescent Home, and the Woman's Missionary Union accepted the assignment. Four teams were formed, with one team going each Sunday to conduct the service.

The response of those at the home was reward enough for those who presented the services. "It sounds just like home," one said. "It's the best thing that happens here," another remarked.

A church member who teaches, plays the piano, and visits said, "It's the most worthwhile

thing I do. It is definitely not a duty; it is a privilege. They need a message of love and comfort—that God hasn't forgotten them."

The owner of the home, definitely pleased with the project, wanted to do something in appreciation for what the church's ministry had meant to the people in the home. Thus came the check designated for the home mission offering for 1963.

But it's a toss up as to who receives the biggest blessing, those ministering or those receiving.

Three From States Lecture In Mexico

Three Southern Baptist leaders from the United States delivered a series of lectures in Mexico January 6-11 for more than 50 Mexican Baptist pastors, members of local church building committees, officials of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and Southern Baptist missionaries. The sessions were held at First Baptist Church, Mexico City.

W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Church Architecture Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, spoke on "The Relations of the Church Building to Sunday School Growth." L. E. Coleman, Sr., associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, spoke on "The Place of the Layman in the Work of the Church."

David Cheavens, professor of journalism at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., spoke on "The Public Relations of a Baptist Church." (Mr. Cheavens is the son of former Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico.)

The guest speakers were secured for the conference by Roy L. Lyon, Southern Baptist missionary who is director of city missions for the Mexican convention.

Neglected Power

By Rev. Norman Denton, Pastor
Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain

Suppose the United States, with its great nuclear capability, becoming involved in an all-out war with another H-bomb-equipped nation, should say, "Oh, it's too much trouble to arm our nuclear warheads and fire our rockets. Of course, they're shooting at us with such, but let's just fight back with sticks and mudballs!" That would be lunacy, wouldn't it? To have weapons of fantastic power and in a war for survival be too lazy to use them would be pathetic and idiotic. But I know something more pathetic than that!



The forces of God are involved in an all-out spiritual conflict with Satan, which makes nuclear war look like a slingshot fight. The Christian has an unbelievably potent weapon, prayer. It is as limitless as the might of God himself. It is so mighty that Paul, listing the believer's armor and weaponry in Ephesians, can find nothing in the Roman arsenal with which to compare it. If he were writing today, he might liken it to a nuclear missile. For you can pray in faith for a missionary halfway world away, and instantaneously God accomplishes mighty things out there. It is as if Jesus has given us blank checks on the Bank of Heaven, with His signature on them, and has said, "Come and ask freely. There is no limit, except that you ask in accord with the Father's good purposes."

Yet not one Christian in twenty, or perhaps in a hundred, knows how to pray effectively! And very few believers consistently come to God in powerful, prevailing, believing prayer, winning the victories to which He invites us! We foolishly rely on the feeble resources and strategies of man, rather than the infinite, supernatural power of God. Satan knows that the Christian has a weapon that will assure victory, if it is ever brought into use. So he works more desperately to cause us to neglect prayer than anything else. If he can hinder us here, he can defeat our most well-intended efforts for God. Jesus was not merely making idle talk when He said, "With Me ye can do nothing." Jesus wrote, "You don't get what you want because you don't ask God for it." (James 4:4, Phillips Translation) John Wesley said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." There was a time that I did not take those Scriptural statements at face value, and I thought Wesley a little extreme. But countless failures of my human evangelistic efforts and well-meant but prayerless plans have demonstrated that nothing of lasting spiritual value is accomplished without earnest, believing prayer. "The arm of flesh will fail you; ye have not trust your own!"

I talked the other day to a college student who had recently made the exciting discovery that God could be for her a prayer-answering God. All her life she had heard about believing prayer, but had never before gotten far enough out on the limb of trust to "ask in faith, nothing wavering." (James 1:6) Now she was determined that this exhilarating experience would become a day-by-day feature of her prayer life. Would that all who know Christ would make this discovery, and employ the potent weapon of prayer in their daily battles for Christ. The assault on the strongholds of Satan would be irresistible! "Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you!" (1 Samuel 12:23)

A missionary should be a Christian characterized by radical obedience, an obedience that will sometimes make him seem strange to some other people. This obedience does not ask, "What is going to

happen to me?" It asks only, "What does my Lord want me to do?" — Baker J. Caution, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



GAs of First Church, Hattiesburg, put on a cat-chy skit before 1200 sister GAs from all over South Mississippi on Saturday, February 2. Hattiesburg, First Church, played host to the area GA Rally which was an all-day affair. Becky Rowden was the spokesman for the skit and is shown above pointing out various aspects of interest in the GA Fiftieth Anniversary year. From left to right, the players are: Susie Wellett, Barbara Tyner, Jane Bradley, Becky Rowden, Ann Marie Freeman, Polly Wright, Connie Benedict and Lynn Adkinson.



Disciples' Giving Up \$1.5 Million During Year

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (EP)—Disciples of Christ gave a total of \$88,901,996 in this fiscal year ending June 30 for the denomination's work in this country and abroad, an increase of about \$1.5 million dollars over the previous year, according to the 1962-Yearbook of Christian Churches published here.

Speakers Named For S. S. Week

NASHVILLE — Speakers for Sunday School Leadership Conferences this summer at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assemblies have been announced by Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

Dates and preachers for the two Glorieta Sunday School Leadership Conferences are:

June 27-July 3—Dr. T. A. Patterson, Executive Secretary of Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas. July 4-10—Dr. James Riley, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston.

Dates and preachers for the three Ridgecrest Sunday School Leadership Conferences are: July 12-14—Dr. Gordon Clinard, Professor of preaching, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, July 25-31—Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; August 1-7—Dr. James Belote, president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. For reservations, write to:

Mr. E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. or Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Edwards Calls J. S. Johnson

Rev. J. S. Johnson will begin his ministry with the Edwards Church Sunday, February 10, coming from the pastorate of Sunrise-Zion Hill Church, near Hattiesburg.

Rev. Johnson received his education at Central High, Jackson, Mississippi College (with special distinction), and New Orleans Seminary. He was licensed to preach by Calvary Church, Jackson, and ordained by Highland Church, Jackson.

He is married to the former Mary Sue Latham of Tunica. They have three children.

In addition to pastorates in Mississippi, Rev. Johnson served as a summer student missionary in 1953 for the Home Mission Board.

Gospel Zeal Is Held as Greatest Deterrent To Communism

MIAMI, Fla. (RNS) — Military and economic force can resist communism, but they cannot overcome it, former Minnesota Congressman Walter Judd said here.

Only a matching zeal and knowledge of an opposing faith can defeat the Red menace, the onetime medical missionary to China told 1,200 delegates at the closing session of the National Sunday School Association convention.

Dr. Judd said communism, like all important movements throughout history, has its "scriptures" and principles which need to be studied so that it can be understood and intelligently opposed.

But Christians, through their Sunday schools, need to build a devotion to the Gospel which alone can really overcome communism, he said.

Meanwhile, a leader of one of the 35 workshops held here indicated churches are losing too many young people at the stage when they need to be strengthened most against communism and other evils of our day.

Dr. Roy B. Zuck, director of the research commission of the NSSA, said that a national survey he had completed shows that 17 per cent of the boys and girls in evangelical churches drop out entirely from the church program between the ages of 12 and 16.

The drop-outs, he said, listed three principal reasons—there is not enough for them to do in church; they regard too many of their adult leaders as "phonies" who don't live up to what they say in church; and too often they find Sunday school lessons and sermons boring.

Doesn't "Send" Me

themselves for lack of interest in spiritual things.

Youths who quit church dislike Sunday school more than any other part of the church program, but dull sermons run a close second, Dr. Zuck found. Church youth camps constituted the only activity which won general approval.

Sixty per cent of the drop-outs occur in churches with less than 150 members, the survey showed, and 58 per cent occur in suburban rather than rural or inner-city churches.

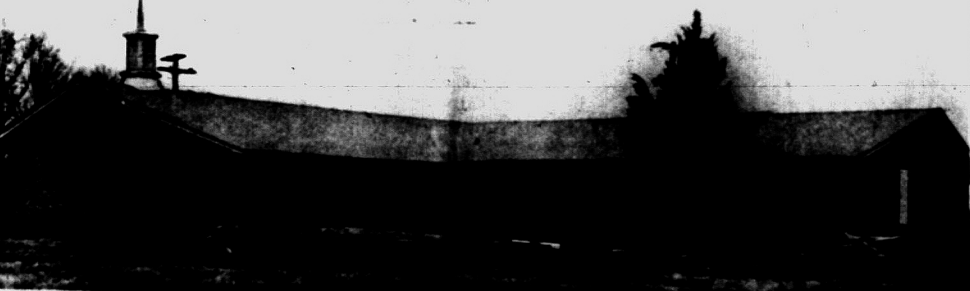
Training Union Article Gives Jewish Emphasis

NASHVILLE — An understanding and appreciation of Jewish communities by Southern Baptists is the motive behind an article which "The Baptist Training Union Magazine" will carry in April.

In that issue of the magazine, published by the Sunday School Board, Dr. Bertram Korn has written "The American Jewish Experience." The article describes a significant but little known phase of American history. It does this by comparing American Jewish experiences to those of other cultures.

Dr. Korn, a commander in the U. S. Navy Reserve chaplaincy Corps, manifests a deep appreciation for this nation, for the elements that helped to form it and for the product lasting to this day.

"The magnificent achievements of notable American Jews in every field of human endeavor — of men like Jonas Salk, Albert Einstein, Louis Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, Leonard Bernstein, Bernard Baruch, and Julius Rosenberg, to name only a few have been possible only because a free climate nourished them," he says. Dr. Korn has written six volumes on American-Jewish history, particularly that in the Civil War.



Meadowview, Starkville, Dedicates Sanctuary

The new Meadowview Church, Starkville, had dedication services on Sunday, February 3, at 2:30 p.m. for their new building, pictured above.

The dedication service was followed by open house. A vesper service was held at 6:00 P. M. at which time the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed.

The Meadowview congregation

held their first services in the modern, centrally heated, completely air-conditioned, church on Sunday, December 30, 1962.

The church's auditorium will seat 350, with educational space for an equal number. There is a large social area which can be used for recreation, and a completely furnished kitchen. There are three nurseries suitably furnished for babies of each age group.

The baptistry is concrete with ceramic tile covering. The building is of concrete block construction with brick veneer exterior. It contains over 6000 feet of floor space.

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Lima Church Occupies New Building

Ebenezer Baptist Church, in the Miraflores suburb of Lima, Peru, inaugurated its new two-story building last fall, "in the center of one of the finest residential sections of Lima," says Mrs. F. David Stull, Southern Baptist missionary and wife of the pastor.

On the street level is the

large auditorium, containing baptistry and choir loft, and the church office. Underneath are classrooms, a large hall for banquets, receptions, and church dinners, and a kitchen. The old church building next door has been turned into educational space.

Nearly 500 people attended the dedication service for the new building on October 7. The main message was delivered by Dr. Federico Munoz, of the Maranatha Church, Lima, and special music was provided by choirs from four churches.

SBC Unit for Adults Planned In T. U. Magazine

NASHVILLE — The Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board has prepared a special unit on "Your Southern Baptist Convention," included in adult quarterlies for April, May and June, 1963.

The second quarter issues of "Baptist Adults" and "Baptist Young Adults" will provide discussion material on these five questions:

1. What theological concepts are involved in the organization and policy of the Southern Baptist Convention?
2. What do we mean by "autonomy" of Baptist bodies?
3. What is the scope of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention?
4. What are some of the problems facing the annual meeting of the convention in 1963 in Kansas City?
5. How can Baptist practice "unity in diversity?"

Herschel H. Hobbs, convention president from Oklahoma City, has written the special materials. Leonard Hill, Nashville production editor of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, has prepared discussion plans for the study.

Aquilla Chamlee Dies in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—Aquila Chamlee, former president of Tift College, died in Fort Valley, Ga., at age 83. Death came from natural causes.

Five Students Receive Loan- Scholarships

NASHVILLE (BP) — Five students have been awarded the first loan-scholarships from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Each of the five has attended a Baptist college. The estates of Mrs. M. May Roberson and Joseph L. Shepard provided the funds from which the loan - scholarships come. The estates are administered by the Southern Baptist (Convention) Foundation.

Students who receive them plan to teach in Southern Baptist colleges. They use the money to study for their doctor's degrees. They repay the loan-scholarships by teaching in denominational schools, according to Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, Commission executive secretary.

The five students getting the first funds are: John Burton, son of Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Editor of Home Life, and secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Walter B. Thompson, Atlanta; Kenneth Lee Fox, Logan Wright, Tulsa, Okla., and Miss Gladys

State SS Convention Set March 11-12

The annual Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held March 11-12 at Jackson's First Church.

Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday School Secretary, said the theme of the conference would be "The Sunday School and World Missions."

Several hundred Mississippi Baptist Sunday School leaders and workers are expected for the meeting, to begin Monday

night at 7 o'clock and adjourn at 9:15 Tuesday night.

Dr. W. M. Shamburger, pastor of First Church, Tyler, Texas, will be the principal visiting inspirational speaker, delivering messages Tuesday morning and Tuesday night.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, will be the principal speaker Monday night. Soloist will be Mrs. Bette Stalnecker, soloist for Belle-

vue Church, Memphis.

Song leader will be Paul Adams, youth and music director of First Church, Laurel, with Miss Hazel Chisholm of the host church at the organ, and Miss Jan Cutrell of Jackson at the piano.

A feature of the convention will be a series of leadership conferences for every age group. These include: Cradle roll, nursery, beginner, primary, junior, intermediate, young people, adult, extension, superintendents and general associates, pastors, educa-

erintendent of young people's work, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

State leaders to participate on program will include Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Chester Vaughn, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Burke Murphy, Starkville; Mrs. John Colie, Pascagoula; Mrs. George Ethridge, Bailey; Miss Mary Royce Eckles, Greenville; Mrs. Eddie Prather, Tupelo; Mrs. J. B. Parker, Webster; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, and Mrs. Hester Blaine, all of Jackson.

Several out-of-state leaders will be present to lead these conferences. These will be:

Visiting Leaders

Harold Marsh, secretary and George Holmes, Ralph Halbrooks and Harold Anderson, associates, in Alabama Sunday School Department, Montgomery; Henry Love, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Shreveport; Neta Stewart, superintendent junior work, Robert Dowdy, superintendent primary work and Joseph M. Haynes, sun-



DR. W. M. SHAMBURGER
Speaker



MRS. BETTE STALNECKER
Soloist

SBC Problems Aired At Editors' Meeting

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP)—A Baptist editor said here the Southern Baptist Convention faces four "Concerns"—declines, relations with other religious bodies, doctrinal issues and race relations.

Another Baptist editor said special offerings in the SBC are not consistent with the business and financial plan of the convention.

These addresses were before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. It includes the editors of 28 Southern Baptist weekly state papers and certain other SBC journals.

J. Marse Grant of Raleigh named the four areas of concern in a speech titled, "Whither Southern Baptists?" Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, singled out the decline in seminary enrollment. He said the increase in church membership is less than the increase in population, and add-

ed that Sunday School enrollment gains in the SBC took a downward plunge.

But, he added, the decline may leave the churches with a "committed core of believers." Persons who drifted into the church only for social standing or from fear of war may be drifting out of it, he said.

He denied he ever proposed a merger of the SBC and the American Baptist Convention. "I pleaded for a more united witness rather than for organic merger," said Grant. "It hurts me to see us take the attitude that only we are right."

"Let's Face It"

"Let's face it," he continued, "Southern Baptists can't win the world alone. Would you agree with me that evangelical Christianity could never win a numbers battle?" This is why the united witness is needed.

He asked Baptists to keep an open mind and to refresh them-

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IN MISSISSIPPI—

'62 Baptisms 15,824

The churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention baptized 15,824 persons into their membership during 1962, a decrease of 751 under the 16,575 baptized in 1961.

Releasing the figures, compiled by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, was Rev. L. Gordon Samsing, Associate Executive Secretary.

First Church, Columbia, Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor, with 120, led the state in total number of baptisms for the fourth straight year.

In second place was Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Dr. David Grant, pastor with 105 baptisms, while third place went to First Church, Gulfport, Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, with 88 baptisms.

Others in the top 11 were: First Pascagoula, Rev. Clark W. McMurray, 94; West Jackson, Rev. Jack Nazary, 84; First, Biloxi, Rev. Schuyler Batson, 83; Hillcrest, Jackson, Rev. G. C. Cox, 83; Magnolia Street, Laurel, Dr. Damon Vaughn, 80; First Greenville, Dr. Perry Claxton, 80; Main Street, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., 79; Calvary, (Continued on page 2)

POAU INTENSIFIES EDUCATION PROGRAM

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—An intensified educational program, to meet "The most serious church-state controversy the United States has known for the past 150 years," has been announced by Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

POAU President Louie D. Newton of Atlanta said the organization would lend its "Strong support" to the efforts of President John F. Kennedy to uphold the first amendment and the U. S. Supreme Court.

He specifically mentioned the Supreme Court for "So properly and unequivocally interpreting the first amendment in a way that prevents sectarian inroads on the federal treasury."

Dr. Newton said the stepped-up education program will include "Public meetings, TV-Radio and Press releases and college and seminary dialogues and seminars."

He said "This program will be vigorously pursued by POAU with special attention to those states where clerical pressures for church school subsidies have been most keenly felt."

Many Situations Faced

He mentioned Minnesota,

Winders Named Committee Head

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (BP)—State Baptist student secretaries will try to find ways they can help enlist and encourage youth who want to enter church-related vocations.

The State Student Directors Association of Southern (Continued on page 2)

Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan and Rhode Island as states currently facing serious possible breaches of the wall separating church and state.

Dr. Newton said the determination of Roman Catholic bishops to block any federal school aid which does not in-

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Peacock Midwest Quits

KANSAS CITY Mo. (BP)—Heber F. Peacock, chairman of the New Testament Department at Midwestern Baptist Seminary here, has resigned.

He said it was due to "a situation which does not offer an opportunity to speak the truth."

His criticism of trustee action in the firing of Professor Ralph H. Elliott from the same faculty brought a reply from Seminary President Millard J. Berquist.

Berquist said, "We propose to continue to build a learning fellowship that shall seek to fulfill its responsibility to the truth which is in Christ and to the denomination of which we are a part."

Peacock said he resigned because of the controversy over Elliott's dismissal. Elliott, who was professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, wrote a

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SERIES TEMPERANCE MEETINGS PLANNED

A series of 77 associational temperance meetings, designed "to acquaint the people of Mississippi with the temperance situation in the state," has been planned, it has been announced by Rev. C. M. Day, Director of Temperance for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The meetings, one scheduled for each association, will be held March 4-April 19.

A central kick-off meeting has been planned for Feb. 28 at the Baptist Building in Jackson when plans for the series will be discussed and adopted.

Two speakers have been scheduled for the kick-off

meeting. Rev. Sam Scantland, secretary, Department of Missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, will speak on "How to Organize Temperance Work for More Effective Results."

Mark Lower, Associate Director, Louisiana Moral and Civic Education Association, will address the group on "How to Present Temperance in a More Effective Way."

Purpose Projected

Directing the series of meetings will be Mr. Day, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, and the Temperance Committee of the Convention Board, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko, chairman.

Further purposes include the following: To suggest what can be done to maintain prohibition, to urge repeal of the "black market" tax on liquor, to urge citizens to make their wishes known to candidates in behalf of sobriety, to encourage those elected by keeping in touch with them, and letting them know of Baptist support in maintaining law and order, to encourage citizens to vote for those who pledge themselves to abstinence and sobriety, and to assess the influence of the legislative re-

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Baptists Mark 300th Year of Freedom Charter

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (RNS)—Baptists sponsored a service in historic First Baptist Meeting House here to mark the 300th anniversary of Rhode Island's Royal Charter of 1663.

The service, attended by some 1,400 persons, also paid tribute to the memory of Dr. John Clarke, a Baptist minister who founded Newport, R. I., and worked 12 years in England to secure the charter.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, president of Brown University, observed that the charter was a "novelty" in that it guaranteed religious freedom in a century of religious conflict.

"Out of the strife of this bloody century came the tolerance of today, but it was a tolerance of exhaustion," he said.

This tolerance, he continued, produced in the state the "long habit of seeking to find common elements in various religions and trying to pre-

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More Liberty Possible In Spain

WASHINGTON (BP)—The prospect of a new law granting increased liberty "May bring in a new day for Baptists and other evangelicals in Spain," in the opinion of Josef Nordenhaug said when Alonso Alvarez de Toledo, secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Washington called his attention to the proposed legislation.

Nordenhaug and the alliance's European secretary, Erik

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Spiritual Awakening Has Deep Results

By Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby (Seventh of a Series)

As Regeneration is the greatest event in a Christian's life so Revival is the supreme need in a church or nation's life. It brings a new awareness to spiritual realities and values; a Spirit-revealed understanding of the Scriptures.

The spirit of grace and supplication is poured out. Humility, contrition, repentance and restoration cease to be mere terminology of the minister. A new consciousness of the presence of God and the reality of Christ is known.

Deep conviction of sin comes to saint and sinner, a fresh sensitiveness to wrong. Christians are motivated and guided by the Spirit within instead of pressure without. A deeper love for God and mankind leads to service.

Let us use the practical results of the Great Awakening in middle of 18th Century as given by Fish, Jonathan Edwards was God's instrument and others.

A marvelous increase in church membership, 25 to 50,000—a large number then. The American Revival between

1800-1825, there was born. The American Tract Society. The American Bible Society. The American Board of Foreign Missions: (Judson, Rice, Nott, Newell and Hall)

The Baptist and Methodist Missionary Societies.

17 theological seminaries. Christian papers and magazines.

Appraisal Of Revival

Just before one of our greatest Southern Baptist Missionaries returned to his service in the Orient, president of a Seminary, I asked him to make an appraisal of the Shantung Awakening in the light of these thirty years since he had a part in it. He sent the following:

—We seemed to be awakened to the reality of powerless lives in doing our mission work; to the coldness of the churches and indifference of Christians.

—A great hunger for prayer came upon many of God's servants. An intense hunger for Christ filled our hearts. The words of Jeremiah became real: "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

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PIKE PASTOR-DEACON BANQUET—One hundred thirty attended the Pastor-Deacon Banquet held by the Pike County Association, Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church, McComb, points out certain figures on one of the charts used to Frank Church. (Additional pictures on page 6.)

BINKLEY SUCCEEDS SYDNOR L. STEALEY

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—Olin T. Binkley has been elected president of Southeastern Seminary here succeeding Sydnor L. Stealey.

Dr. Stealey told the seminary trustees he will retire July 31. He had planned to retire last year when he became 65 but trustees asked him to remain another year.

The president-elect has been dean of faculty of Southeastern Seminary since 1958. He has been on the faculty of the school since 1952. Southeastern Seminary began operating in 1951. Stealey is the only president it has had. Binkley is the first dean of faculty.

Binkley, 54, was born in Harmony, N. C. He attended Wake Forest College, when it was

located here. The seminary now uses the campus of Wake Forest College (Baptist) vacated in moving to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Binkley graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He was ordained at Harmony in 1928 to preach the gospel. He was pastor in Chapel Hill, N. C., then headed the department of religion at Wake Forest College.

Was Prof At Southern

Before coming to Southeastern, Binkley was professor of Christian ethics and sociology at Southern Seminary. He has been a college or seminary teacher since 1938.

He has been a trustee of Meredith College (Baptist), Raleigh, N. C., and a member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a letter to trustee chairman Emory B. Denny of Raleigh, president Stealey said:

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NEARLY 5,000 CHURCHES, MISSIONS REPORTED IN 1962



A. L. NELSON, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, shows points of interest to two of the program participants during the convention-wide Associational Missionaries Conference held there, as Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, also joins in. From left: Dr. Arthur Rutledge, Secretary Division of Missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, sponsoring agency; Mr. Nelson; Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., Director of the Southern Baptist 30,000 Movement, and Dr. Quarles. (Additional pictures on page three.)

Southern Baptist mission forces reported approximately 5,000 missions and churches started in 1962 as a part of the denomination's effort to organize 30,000 missions and churches by 1964, it was reported last week at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

The effort, known as the 30,000 Movement, was started in 1958, and Director C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C. reported here to a national meeting associational missionaries that 19,117 units have been reported. This includes 8,328 churches and 13,789 missions.

A year ago the report read 14,210—which means 4,807 missions and churches were reported during 1962, a year designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as church extension year.

Reported for the first time in the figures were missions started by Southern Baptist churches (1,305) and by workers in Baptist Student Union (716).

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Happy Or Sad

By W. E. Roberts,
State Representative
SBC Annuity Board, Dallas

The government is on our side in making provisions for our declining years. If we don't make provision, we have to be added to welfare rolls. Hence, Internal Revenue permits your employer to deposit 20% of your earnings in an approved retirement plan with delayed income liability.

Perhaps we should understand terms used in connection with protection. A pension is source of income provided when one's productive years will have ceased. Normally, a pension is jointly financed by the employer and employee over the entire productive years of an individual.

An Annuity is purchased. One gets out of an annuity what has been put in plus interest—

no more, no less.

Social Security is a combination pension and insurance program and is not a funded plan. Taxes are increased from time to time to care for current demands.

We need to come face to face with facts if we are to make provision for our sunset years. We are told that a retired person can get along quite well if one can receive 1/2 of the amount that one received during productive years. In order to receive 1/2 salary at 65, one has to put aside 15% of one's income from age 30 to age 65—a period of 35 years. If you are not saving at least 15% now, you won't have 1/2 of your present salary.

Appeals To Churches
The mortality tables tell us that we must make plans for 17 years in retirement. All pensions, annuities and insurance are governed by a mortality table. You or I may not live 17 years but we may live longer. In other words, we live from 1-3 to 1-2 as long in retirement as in active service. If those 17 years or more are to be happy years, sacrifices have to be made. This rule applies to laymen and women as well as to ministers.

We appeal to our churches to appropriate 90% of your pastor's salary to them now and place 10% with the Annuity Board for his care in retirement. This is the least that we should do. This practice not only protects your pastor and family but it also protects the good name of your church.

had to endure. I feel confident that great numbers of them have been faithful. I trust we may be faithful in praying for them. My plea to the Father is that a great Revival may come to all our churches here in America.

Revival—God's Mercy In Time of Wrath

Remove from Christian history all that has been brought to pass by reformations or revivals and there would be little that is worth recording. The vibrant, glowing reports of the rejuvenation of the Christian religion has been our supreme inspiration. The greatest achievements, the most powerful men of the ages and the most lasting conquests have come in those epochs of Spiritual Awakening.

When religion became a routine, God showed it to be a personal relationship. When confidence was placed in "things" and "methods," a reminder was given that He is interested in men and women. When worship drifted into formality, mere words, — the Spirit taught the real meaning of fellowship. When the Christian religion became complex with the ingenuity of man, the Spirit cut through to show the simplicity there is in Christ.

When loyalty to Jesus was substituted by loyalty to institutions or doctrine, the arm of the Lord was revealed.

Raised Up Wesley
When the biblical method of winning souls, — that is the Spirit's fullness and His direct leadership, was substituted by other plans, God raised up a Wesley. When the embers of devotion burned low, the spark of sacrifice all but faded out, God lifted high His standard. A prophet appeared. A revival resulted.

The Lutheran reformation started a spiritual revolution in Europe. The Moravian revival "freed religion to a great extent from the black night of formalism and delivered men from a Christianity of pious but empty forms." The Wesleyan Period in England drove into evangelism thinking the necessity of regeneration. It spared the British Isles a revolution and wrote pages of glory across English history. The Awakening in Scotland under Knox saved this island for evangelized Christianity and produced a generation of powerful preachers and unusual laymen. What would America have been today without the Spiritual Renewal in the times of Jonathan Edwards, Brainerd, Moody and Finney. Atheism was abolished. Crime was abandoned. Laws were based on the Bible. A foundation for Democracy was laid. The rights of all men were respected in the constitution. God's leadership was sought.

In 1702 not many years before the Jonathan Edwards Revival, Increase Mathews wrote, "The Glory Departing From New England." He spoke of the strict and holy people that populated the wilderness of Colonial America. Then he said: "Oh, New England, look to it that the glory be not removed from thee, for it be-



Rev. Howard H. Aultman



Rev. Thomas Nickey

'62 Baptisms

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Jackson, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, 79. Leading the state in baptisms per church member was Sandy Hill Church, (Indian), in New Choctaw Association, Rev. Thomas Nickey, pastor. This church, with a membership of 34, had 25 baptisms for a ratio of one baptism for every one and four-tenths members.

In second place was Bett Church in Tate County, Rev. Reese Snipes, pastor. This church, with 39 members, baptized 14 for a ratio of one baptism for every two and eight-tenths members. Three hundred thirty-four of the 1,820 churches in the State Convention reported no baptisms in 1962 while 152 churches reported only one baptism. The state baptism goal for 1963 is 22,700.

Top Fifty Churches Leading In Number Of Total Baptisms

Church and Pastor	M'ship	Bap
1. First, Columbia, Howard H. Aultman	2495	120
2. Broadmoor, Jackson, David Grant	1800	105
3. First, Gulfport, Landrum P. Leavell	2961	98
4. First, Pascagoula, Clark W. McMurray	1962	94
5. West Jackson, Jack D. Nazary	979	94
6. First Biloxi, Schuyler M. Batson	1330	83
7. Hillcrest, Jackson, G. C. Cox	1417	83
8. Magnolia Street, Laurel, Damon V. Vaughn	1265	80
9. First, Greenville, Perry Claxton	2907	80
10. Main Street, Hattiesburg, John E. Barnes Jr.	2974	79
Calvary, Jackson, Joe H. Tuten	4145	79
11. First, Meridian, Beverly V. Tinnin	2215	78
12. Four Mile Creek (Jackson) Jas. Whittington	277	77
13. Daniel Memorial, Jackson, Allen O. Webb	1991	75
14. Clarksdale, Lucius B. Marion	1335	73
15. Unity, Pascagoula, R. V. Walker	380	70
16. Central, Hattiesburg, Charles R. Williams	917	67
17. Calvary, Pascagoula, Byron E. Mathis	935	66
18. Emmanuel, Biloxi, J. L. Garrett	622	64
19. Handsboro, E. N. Wilkinson	959	64
20. First, Purvis, Harold E. O'Chester	927	64
21. First, Jackson, W. Douglas Hudgins	5028	63
22. Northside, Greenville, M. C. Barton	382	61
23. Emmanuel, Grenada, Harris Counce Jr.	627	59
24. Calvary, Belzoni, J. R. Chittom	268	58
25. Southside (Bolivar), J. A. Jeffreys	197	56
26. Alta Woods, Jackson, Joe H. Cotten	1626	56
27. Harrisburg, Tupelo, Robt. L. Hamblin	1459	55
28. First, Starkville, D. C. Applegate	2275	55
29. First, Brookhaven, Bob N. Ramsay	2200	54
30. Parkway, Jackson, G. Norman Price	2190	53
31. Highland, Laurel, M. G. Reedy	789	51
32. Petal-Harvey, Petal, O. E. Thompson	1024	50
33. Pass Road, Gulfport, John W. Wade	638	48
34. Second, Kosciusko, James D. Watson	558	47
35. Byram, Henry J. Bennett	680	47
36. Glade (Jones), Jackie C. Hamilton	413	46
37. Calvary, Meridian, W. Otis Seal	1462	46
38. Long Beach, First, J. W. Brister	1106	45
39. N. Calvary, Philadelphia, W. C. Gann	159	44
40. First, Aberdeen, N. F. Davis Jr.	892	44
41. West End, West Point, G. H. Middleton	557	43
42. State Boulevard, Meridian, W. A. Robinson	663	43
43. Oakhurst, Clarksdale, F. K. Horton	1432	43
44. Riverside, Clarksdale, Floyd Higginbotham	431	43
45. Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian, Bill Causey	1206	42
46. Ridgcrest, Jackson, Fred Tarpley	1264	41
47. Wildwood, Laurel, J. M. Foy	824	41
48. First, Columbus, S. R. Woodson	3105	41
Corinth (Pearl River), R. H. Crawley	293	41

Top 25 Churches in Baptisms Per Church Member

Church and Pastor	M'ship	Bap.	Ratio
1. Sandy Hill (New Choctaw) Thomas Nickey	34	25	1-1.4
2. Bett (Tate) Reese Snipes	39	14	1-2.8
3. Hillcrest (George) Dan G. Hembree	76	24	1-3.2
4. East Side (Smith) Delton Craft	29	9	1-3.2
5. Southside (Bolivar) J. A. Jeffreys	197	56	1-3.5
6. 4-Mile Crk. (Jackson) J. Whittington	277	77	1-3.6
7. Cason (Monroe) Truman Carter	129	36	1-3.6
8. N. Calv. Philadelphia W. C. Gann	159	44	1-3.6
9. North Corinth (Alcorn) Ray Newcomb	146	38	1-3.8
10. Union (Montgomery) C. H. Mills	100	24	1-4.2
11. Dorsey (Itawamba) Dolan Stovall	56	13	1-4.3
12. Midway (George) Floyd Tarpe	29	9	1-4.5
13. New Prospect (Chickasaw) Junior Ritchie	68	15	1-4.5
14. Calvary (Humphreys)	268	58	1-4.6
15. McBee (Lowndes) J. V. Holliman	33	7	1-4.7
16. Antioch (Monroe) Purvis Wyatt	105	22	1-4.8
17. Okolona, Carnation, G. C. Johnson	190	37	1-4.9
18. Days' (DeSoto) Kyle N. Weaver	82	17	1-5.4
19. Unity, Pascagoula, R. V. Walker	380	70	1-5.7
20. Canaan (Benton) T. B. Thornton	57	10	1-5.7
21. Calvary (Marshall) Melton Mason	115	20	1-5.7
22. McArthur, Pascagoula, Steve Knight	146	25	1-5.8
23. Liberty (Lauderdale) Jerry Curry	76	13	1-5.8
24. Old Union (Lafayette) C. G. Gaston, Jr.	107	18	1-5.9
W. Jackson, Tupelo, Richard Clemmons	130	22	1-5.9

gins to go. You that are aged persons can remember what New England was fifty years ago, that saw the churches in their first glory. Is there not a sad decay and diminution of that glory?

In Eighty-Third Year
Later he said, "I am now in my eighty-third year, and having been for sixty-five years a preacher of the gospel, I cannot but be in the disposition of those ancient men who had seen the foundation of the first house and wept with a loud voice to see what a change the temple had upon it. . . . Oh, degenerate New England, what art thou come to at this day? How art thou come to be common in thee that once

were not so much as heard of in this land?"
If the grand old Puritan of 1702 could see the America of 1962, what would he say of our Passing Glory? Do we have our homeland today? Do we care that that glory is departing or shall we say that it has already passed?
Every loyal American, every true Christian should introduce night and day for the revivification of the Spiritual life in this country through a Spiritual Awakening. It is our supreme need. It is our only hope. "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath Remember Mercy."

"On Call For Christ" Theme, Gilfooy Focus Week

February 24-28 has been designated as Focus Week on the campus of Gilfooy School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

Features of interest will include an opening fellowship hour Sunday night in the hospital cafeteria at 9 p.m. Local colleges students are invited.

Services each day in the school chapel will begin at 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. A seminar on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage" will be held each afternoon at 4:30. Buzz sessions and personal conferences are scheduled for each dormitory.

In the classroom visitation program, Focus Week team members will take over some of the class sessions during the week.

Team members are Ben Connel, BSU Director, Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Roy Holt, Atlanta, Georgia; Miss Paul Kortkamp, recent foreign mission appointee to Mexico; Miss Estelle Slater, Convention-wide Student Worker, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. A. W. Jester, director of the Department of Radiology, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas; Morris Chapman, senior at Mississippi College, who will lead the singing; and Rookie Stowers, sophomore at Mississippi College, who will be pianist for the week.

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tend that the divergent and contradictory elements did not matter much.

"Until this decade," he said, "we have tended to ignore rather than to define the difference between Baptist and Congregationalist, Congregationalist and Episcopalian, Protestant and Catholic, and Christian and Jew."

Governor Spoke

But now, as a result of the growing ecumenical spirit, he said, "we have begun once again to define in a friendly way our differences," trying to determine "which can be reconciled, which are peripheral and need not interfere with union, and which might prevent union."

Gov. John H. Chafee of Rhode Island, who also spoke, expressed gratitude to Dr. John Clarke "for bringing over that grand charter whose principles have endured for 300 years."

He also observed that the charter was "something new, unheard of anywhere in that it gave religious freedom to all."

Sponsoring the service was a joint committee of the American Baptist Convention's General Council and the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention.

Before the service, General Council members toured historical sites and held a session of their winter meeting in United Baptist church, Newport. The church was founded by Dr. Clarke who served as its pastor for 38 years.

Winders Named

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Baptists appointed a committee at its meeting here. The committee, headed by Ralph B. Winders of Jackson, Miss., will suggest ways to help these young people.

Others on the committee are Aubrey L. Hawkins of Atlanta and Maurice Willis of Montgomery. Winders directs Baptist Student Union work in Mississippi, Hawkins in Georgia and Willis in Alabama.

Winders discussed a survey he made of three groups: (1) Pre-college age students with commitments to church-related vocations; (2) College students with the same commitment; and (3) Persons now working in church-related vocations.

The association elected Udell Smith of Alexandria, La., president. He directs student work for Louisiana Baptist Convention. The only other officer is the secretary. This year he will be Joe H. Webb, Jacksonville, who serves the Florida Baptist Convention.

Patience sweetens the temper; stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridges the



Sam Scantian

Series Temperance

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apportionment of the state on the temperance outlook.

These meetings are for the church and associational leadership and for any others who might want to attend. Those to direct the meetings declared: "We ask the cooperation of every Christian in every county to use his Christian influence to commit every candidate to personal and political sobriety. We believe as Christians we should not hesitate to express our feelings in this matter."

Other members of the Temperance Committee are: Rev. Sam Brown, Bruce; Rev. Charles Holfield, Morton; P. E. Cunningham, Vicksburg and T. E. Elam, Nitta Yuma.

Meetings Listed

The schedule of meetings follows:

March 4—Tishomingo 10:00 a.m., Alcorn 2:30 p.m., Prentiss 7:30 p.m.; 6—Zion, 10:30; Oktibbeha 2:30, Choctaw 7:30; 7—Lowndes 10:30; Neshoba 2:30; Winston 7:30;

Pastor Seeks State's Oldest Church Library

Rev. Graves Collins, Route 1, Bentonla, pastor of Meirous Church, Yazoo County, is looking for the oldest church library in the state.

Anyone who thinks his church library is the oldest in Mississippi is urged to send this information to Rev. Collins at the above address. Give the name of the church, the date the library was organized, and the number of volumes in the library.

For National Library Week in April, Collins is doing this research and preparing articles for state publicity, in cooperation with the Church Library Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Collins needs this information by February 28 if at all possible, in order to meet story deadlines.

Adams Announces Coming Conference On Soul Winning

"Building a Soul Winning Church" will be the theme of the Adams County Soul Winning Conference to be held at Parkway Church, Natchez, Monday, February 25.

There will be two sessions, an afternoon session from 3 to 5:55 p.m. and a night session from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will include:

Rev. Mack Douglas, pastor of First Church, Pompano Beach, Florida, formerly pastor of Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Missouri. (The Tower Grove Church led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms for the year 1961-62.)

Dr. T. J. Delaughter, professor at New Orleans Seminary, formerly pastor at First, Pascagoula.

Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Church, Beaumont, Texas, formerly Secretary of Evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

James D. Watts, minister of music at Parkway Church, Natchez, will lead the congregational and specially arranged music.

Rev. Fred E. Robertson, pastor of Parkway Church, states that the church will serve supper to all pastors and staff workers attending the conference who make supper reservations before February 23.

Adams Association, Rev. Leon B. Young, Superintendent of Missions, is sponsoring the conference.

Binkley Succeeds . . .

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The retiring president praised the choice of Binkley. He added, "I shall work as happily with him as with my own brother." Stealey, elected president Emeritus, did not immediately say what he would do after retiring.

"I consider my energies now inadequate for the steadily demanding and expanding duties of the office. I believe a younger and more vigorous man can better meet the challenge of thought and action now before us."

Southeastern trustees also elected a new chairman during their 1963 annual meeting, to succeed Denny. He is J. Salem.

New Houston Baptist College Opens Soon

HOUSTON (BP)—A brand new Baptist school, Houston Baptist College, will open its doors to an expected 400 students in September of 1963.

The new college will begin its first year of operation on a 200-acre campus just off a major freeway in southwest Houston, the largest city in Texas.

President William H. Hinton hopes to enlist a total of 30 faculty members by the date of the school's grand opening in September.

Already President Hinton has signed up 26 faculty members, all of them Baptists. Twenty-two of the new faculty members have earned doctors degrees.

"Church of Air" To Feature Brooks Wester

Rev. Brooks H. Wester, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will represent the Southern Baptist denomination unofficially when he preaches on "Columbia Church of the Air," Sunday, February 24.

"The Power of the Unexpected" is the title of the sermon he will present over the CBS radio network. Music for the program will be by the Baptist hour choir of Fort Worth. "Columbia Church of the Air" is a weekly religious broadcast sponsored by CBS for various denominations. Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission will produce this transcribed program.

Check your local station log for correct time of broadcast.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.—Hume

Southern Baptists Resettle 600 Cuban Refugees In Year

MIAMI (BP)—Southern Baptists have resettled more than 600 Cuban refugees from among the 150,000 who have fled to the United States since Castro seized control of the island.

Of the 600, most were resettled during the last months of the year, according to Robert Fricke of Miami, director of Cuban relief and resettlement for the denomination. Fricke, a missionary of the home mission board, reported only 200 resettled by August.

Also Fricke said the Cuban emergency refugee center, operated by the Federal Government, has presented Southern Baptists with a citation in appreciation for their efforts in resettlement.

"Interest by the churches is accelerating to such an extent, it may temporarily exceed our work load in Miami," he said.

Virginia Baptists have a goal to resettle 100 families by Easter, and "They have already resettled more than any

other state."

Fricke said Texas, Georgia, California, and Tennessee also have resettled a number of families.

Churches sponsoring Cuban families range from 40-member North City Baptist Church in Seattle, Wash. to 6,000-member First Church of Oklahoma City, Okla. Where Southern Baptist president H. H. Hobbs is pastor.

One church in Decatur, Ga., the Oakhurst Baptist Church, has started a Spanish depart-



Margery Sharp

SS Board Names Junior TU Director

NASHVILLE—Miss Margaret Sharp has been named director of junior work in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union Department.

Now serving as audio-visual consultant in that department, she will succeed Miss Frances Whitworth on Feb. 16. Miss Whitworth recently resigned to complete work toward the specialist in education degree in elementary education.

Miss Sharp came to the board in 1949 and since then has served on the editorial staff of the Training Union Department. In May, 1962, she assumed her present position.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stetson University, Deland, Florida, and Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. She has done graduate work in Journalism at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and at Scripps College, Nashville.

Prior to her college years, she attended art school and worked as a commercial artist in Miami.

The compiler of the convention Press Book "Come Into His Presence," Miss Sharp writes for denominational and other periodicals.

Theme Set WMU . . .

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school of church music, New Orleans Seminary, will direct the music for the women.

Missionaries at home from their posts in countries around the world will appear on the program. Home missionaries, working inside the United States, also will have parts.

At a Tuesday afternoon luncheon meeting, May 6, the center of interest will be 75 Missionary Union leaders of other years will be recognized.

75th Anniversary

The 75th anniversary historical pageant, using the same title as the women's convention theme, will be held Tuesday evening as a part of the opening session of the SBC.

Tributes will be offered on Monday to three former Women's Missionary Union presidents—Mrs. W. C. James, deceased; Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, and Mrs. George R. Martin, immediate past president, of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., delivers her president's address Monday evening, May 5.

The choir of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., will provide special music at several occasions.

Another organization man and a legal attorney, authorized at the POAU Conference in Denver will be announced soon.

Effective March 1.

Jehovan's Witnesses Appeal Liberty Case

WASHINGTON (BP)—The United States Supreme Court has been asked to rule whether it invades the religious liberty of school students to be required to stand up for the singing of the national anthem.

Attorneys for a group of Jehovah's Witnesses in Arizona have told the court that the Star-Spangled Banner contains references to God which are set in a context with which they disagree. They argue that the reasoning which the court applied to the Regents' Prayer in the public schools of New York should be applied also to use of the national anthem.

A group of children have been expelled from Pinetown, Arizona elementary school because they insisted on remaining seated while their classmates rose during the morning exercises.

A suit was brought in Federal Court in Phoenix, Arizona, to compel the school board to re-admit the children, but it was thrown out of court when Arizona moved for dismissal on the ground it was merely a disciplinary matter of students conforming to classroom rules. The Arizona attorney general said they were not required to join in singing the anthem, but merely to stand while their classmates did.

Cite Bible Position

The Witnesses say that their position is based on the biblical story of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, who refused to kneel when Nebuchadnezzar's trumpets sounded. To stand up is just as much an act of obeisance as to kneel, they contend, and the verses of The Star Spangled Banner make it in their opinion, "An officially composed anthem of worship of God."

The Witnesses remind the Supreme Court that the Regents' Prayer was ruled unconstitutional, even though students did not have to recite it and could be excused from the classroom while it was being said. They contend the Arizona requirement that students stand for the national anthem goes much farther in violating freedom of conscience.

In 1943 in a case which aroused sharp controversy, the Supreme Court held that the state of West Virginia could not exclude members of Jehovah's Witnesses who refused to salute the American flag during classroom exercises.

The U. S. Supreme Court has at least three alternatives in dealing with the plea. It can grant the Witnesses a hearing, can order the lower federal courts to do so, or can agree with the U. S. Court of Appeals that the constitutional issue is "Of no consequence" and that it is merely a public school disciplinary problem.

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SBC Problems . . .

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selves on their history. "I don't have the answer," he said.

"What Southern Baptists do in the next 10-15 years in race relations can make or break our foreign mission program," Grant declared.

He lamented the church's leaving better race relations to political leaders.

Reuben E. Alley of Richmond, elected the new association president, said he believed in special offerings. He claimed however the two SBC mission boards—foreign and home—are in conflict with the SBC business and financial plan in the promotion of special annual mission offerings.

"They are not to promote these offerings among churches and individuals without permission of the convention, he alleged. The foreign mission special offering—the Lottie Moon offering—comes at Christmas. The Annie Armstrong offering for home missions follows in a few months.

He said, "I believe in it." The Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary (but not agency) of the SBC, sponsors the two offerings.

Alley said consistency demands the convention choose between alternatives. One would be to retain the offerings as women's projects only. If the convention does not intend to let them remain a women's project, he said:

"Let's make (the special offerings) churchwide offerings if it's to be a churchwide approach." Let it be a direct appeal by the two mission boards to the men of the churches as well as to the women, he added.

He said he was concerned about the effect of the special offerings on the Cooperative Program. This is the unified budget plan the SBC adopted to support state and world missions.

"I think we have an excellent financial plan. I hate to see anything undercut the Cooperative Program," he said.

James F. Cole of Alexandria, La., was elected the vice-president of the Southern Baptist Press Association. He edits the Baptist Message. Garner E. Bryan Jr., of Baltimore, editor of the Maryland Baptist, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The 1964 meeting will be held in Houston Feb. 9-11.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP)—Noel M. Taylor of Carbondale, Ill., is the new president of the State Executive Secretaries group among Southern Baptists.

Taylor is executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Vice-president is Grady C. Cullen of Fresno, executive secretary, Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Fred D. Hulse, pastor, is secretary of the group.

Hulse is executive secretary, Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Set at your table as you would eat at the table of a king.—Confucius

Peacock . . .

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book "The Message of Genesis." It created a furore around the Southern Baptist Convention, which is held in Midwestern Seminary.

Peacock termed Elliott's firing by the trustees "An intolerable act."

To Leave July 31

He said he will leave the faculty July 31, when school ends.

Saying he would not stay on at a seminary where the trustees exercise censorship, he called attention to the trustee request that Elliott not authorize a second printing of the book on Genesis.

Peacock said he decided to quit after observing the "terrible unrest which continues among students and faculty on campus. He came to Midwestern two years ago from the faculty of Baylor University (Baptist) Waco, Tex. He also taught once at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville."

Bequist said he knew Peacock felt strongly about the Elliott firing. He said, however, that Peacock had talked about an offer to work with the American Bible Society in Africa.

Peacock did not mention this future work in his statement.

Bequist also said, "The board of trustees has very clearly indicated its acknowledgement of the validity of the historical-critical approach to the scriptures."

"There is no intention to circumscribe our faculty in its use of this approach followed rather generally in our seminaries today. Our emphasis up on a progressive-conservative theological position has not been altered."

POAU Intensifies . . .

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clude assistance to their private institutions "Has precipitated the most serious church-state controversy the U. S. has known for the past 150 years."

He said "It demonstrates the need for a wider and more pervasive program to reach the public with information as to the value and significance of our American tradition in church and state. If we fail in this, separation of church and state will be a mere technicality under an avalanche of government subsidies for church schools."

POAU announced the employment of Edward Terry, Protestant minister of Portland, Ore., as staff associate in the organization field, effective March 1.

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700 ATTEND CONVENTION-WIDE MEET AT GULFSHORE

PHOTO IN TOP LEFT shows many of the 700 present from practically every state in the Union. Top right picture shows poster display which indicates mob study and planning done at conference. Picture at left below shows three present on auditorium stage, from left: Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary Cooperative Missions; James Sapp, Director of Promotion for the

Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds Superintendent of Missions. Photo at lower right shows Dr. Albert McClellan, (left) Program Planning Secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, and Rev. John McBride, Merigold, Bolivar County Superintendent of Missions who was on program.



Three Whole Classes Achieve Perfect Attendance At Rock Bluff

Rock Bluff Church, Rankin County, had three Sunday school classes that were 100 per cent in attendance for the year, September, 1961-September, 1962. They were the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate classes.

The Sunday school enrollment at Rock Bluff for the year was 61, with an average attendance of 59.

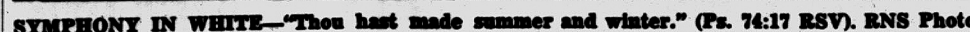
Luther Cooper is the Sunday school superintendent. Rev. B. W. Sherman is the pastor.



SEVENTY-FIFTH anniversary WMS activities were highlighted recently at a luncheon at First Church, Hattiesburg. Mrs. S. M. Harris, Mrs. Chester Vaughn, and Mrs. Clyde Bryan point out to each other dress patterns from THE DELINEATOR, a fashion magazine popular at the turn of the century. Mrs. Harris wrote an original playlet concerning the first organizational meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in 1880, and this was presented to the group. Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Bryan are wives of the Minister of Education and pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg.

**From Florida Baptist Witness,
By W. G. Stracener**

A broken heart can often be mended into a more beautiful pattern if the stitches are made with kindness and love.



others.

How To Communicate

"What is communication? (Church Administration, November, 1961), J. P. Allen deplores the idea that communication for the Christian should be merely "mouthing the Word of Life." Allen goes on to say: "There are so many ways of doing it. The train caller does it. The radio announcer does it. The priest of the cult does it. And the church politician does it, when he makes loud noises, with one eye on the denominational paper and one eye cocked for the faintest rustling of the nearest pressure group." "There is another way to communicate." That is to share. That is how Paul and his co-leagues did it. Hence, we find Paul, Silas, and Timothy saying to the Thessalonian Christians: "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us" (I Thes. 2:8).

seven years of faithful service of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Bell."

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M. C. FRESHMEN COUNCIL—Eighteen students have been selected to hold positions on the Baptist Student Union Freshman Council at Mississippi College. Seated, left to right, are Mary Flowers, Hampton, Va.; Sherri Adamson, St. Louis, Mo.; Ann Emmett, Dallas, Tex.; Martha Clanton, Jackson; Jodi Francis, Memphis, Tenn.; Anne Lane, Stoneville; Janice Polk, Columbia; and Emily Flowers, Laurel. Standing, left to right, are Don Walters, Lucedale; Marvin Reddish, Clinton; David Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.; Charles Loyd, Clinton; Bobby Newell, Meridian; Jackie Grisham, Memphis, Tenn.; Ronnie Finch, Mobile, Ala.; and Tom Nabors, Memphis, Tenn. Elected to the counsel but not pictured, were Jack Butler, Clinton, and Terry Tullos, Laurel. (M. C. Photo)

The Doctrine Of Man

By David L. Mueller
Associate Professor of
Christian Theology
Southern Seminary

Men in all times and all places have been concerned to know the meaning and purpose of their existence. Philosophies, religions and ideologies have set forth their interpretations of the nature of man from antiquity to the present. Some have sought to interpret man in terms of his close relationship to the lower forms of animal life. Others have taught that man's rationality and sociability are the key to his uniqueness. Today, certain scientific views of man dominate discussion concerning man's nature. Thus man is viewed biologically, or in terms of his physical or chemical make-up, or in terms of his psychological make-up. Still others see man as a political animal who exists to further the ends and goals of the state. This is the view of the Communists.

What is the Christian to say concerning these interpretations of man? He may see some truth about the nature of man in these various philosophies, but none of these is the final answer concerning the nature of man. These scientific and philosophical views of man often tell us something true about human existence, but they do not tell us the whole truth. Some are more true than others, but if we wish to know the real reason and purpose of our existence, we must turn to Holy Scripture. As Baptists, we have always affirmed that the final guide for our faith and action is the witness of the Word of God. What is the picture of man which we find there?

Man Created in Image of God
Both the Old and New Testaments confess their faith that God is the Creator of the entire universe. In Genesis 1:1 we read: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In John 1:3 we read that all things were created through the Word of God, "and without him was not anything made that was made." The whole universe is created by God and is good. However, the climax of the creation narratives in Genesis is not to be found in the account of the creation through the power of God. In Genesis 1:26-27 are the words: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

What does it mean that man was created in the image of God? The Bible gives us no exact definition of this term. It is clear that man is related to other creatures in that he too has a physical and material body. He is formed of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). But he is unique and unlike all other creatures in that he is created in the image of God. The Psalmist gives expression to man's special place in creation in saying: "Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet" (Psalm 8:4-6). Perhaps we can sum up the special dignity of man created in the image of God

in saying that he alone is singled out for a life of fellowship and communion with God. Man is created by God in order to live for God and unto God. Man is created good in body and soul and reflects in his nature something of the glory of his Creator. Thus the answer to the question concerning the meaning of our existence is answered in the Bible's affirmation that we are created by God to live under his leadership and lordship.

The Fall and Sin of Man
The narrative of Genesis 2 pictures how man and his helpmeet given him by God were intended to live a life of fellowship with God and with one another in God's creation. The only requirement is that they should be obedient to God's will and command. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die'" (Genesis 2:16-17). Thus in order for man to fulfill the will of his Creator, he must be obedient to his Creator. But the story of man is one of dissatisfaction with the place which God has given him, and he disobeys God. Man wants to "be like God": he is not satisfied with the state in which he was created. Thus man succumbs to temptation. He sins. And in sinning, he destroys the good fellowship which God intended between him and his creature. His rebellion against God makes him a sinner and brings God's punishment upon him for his disobedience. The Genesis account pictures man being driven out of the Garden of Eden as a punishment for his sin.

The consequences which follow on man's sin are pictured in dark colors in the Scriptures. Man's sin results in a breach in his fellowship with God, the disruption of his relationship to his neighbors, and the destruction of the life of peace and harmony which God intended for man. The Bible pictures man's being and nature as tainted and corrupted through his sin. His nature is depraved, and he transgresses God's Law at every turn. Paul regarded the sinful nature of Adam to have been passed on to all of his successors in the human family. "... sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin" (Romans 5:12). Through most interpreters today hold that the story of Adam is intended to be the story of every man's experience, the end result is nevertheless the same.

All Under Power of Sin
All men are under the "power of sin" (Romans 3:9). No man as sinner is truly the image of God which God intended him to be. Man's life as a sinner is characterized by unrighteousness and evil acts which flow from an evil disposition and nature. Thus instead of finding freedom through disobeying God, man finds himself to be a prisoner of the power of sin and a child of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).

The only bright note in the story of man as sinner is the continuing love of God toward him. Though all of us are like the prodigal son who lost his father's house for the freedom of the far country, we also know that God's love continues to seek and to save those who are lost. The joyous note in the story of man is that God desires to redeem his fallen creature. Through Jesus

Christ, who is the true "image of the invisible God," we are destined to be redeemed (Colossians 1:15). "Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven" (1 Corinthians 15:49). Through faith in Jesus Christ, we once more may reflect the glory of God. Once again it is possible to speak of man in the image of God. Though our lives reflect the glory of God only dimly and imperfectly, it is God's will that we be "changed into his likeness from one degree to another" (II Corinthians 3:18). In being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, we fulfill the destiny which God intended for us as his creatures from before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3).

Peru Institute Conducts First Commencement

The Peruvian Baptist Theological Institute held its first commencement exercises December 19, in First Baptist Church, Lima. Five students received diplomas for successfully finishing the official four-year course, and three student wives received certificates for completing two or three years of study.

Director J. Bryan Brasington, Southern Baptist missionary, presented the awards and spoke on the Institute's past and future. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Herbert Money, well-known evangelical figure in Peru. At the close of the program a student body representative expressed appreciation to the faculty, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and individual Baptists in the United States for making possible the opportunity to study and prepare for the ministry.

The Institute will not matriculate new students in 1963 because of the emphasis Baptists of Peru are placing on training lay leaders. Plans call for conducting two- or three-week studies for laymen in their own churches and then permitting participants to continue lessons by correspondence.

MISSIONARY LOSES FATHER

John Eldridge, father of Miss Eva Mae Eldridge, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died February 7 at Grand Junction, Tenn. Miss Eldridge, now on furlough, may be addressed at Grand Junction (her home town).

Jim Lambert, father of Miss Rosemary Lambert, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died of a heart attack January 11 in Grubbs, Ark. Miss Lambert may be addressed at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itosu, Okinawa, Japan. She is a native of Grubbs.

In our young Mission the activity that has brought us the most satisfaction and that presents the biggest challenge is the production of a quarterly in the Vietnamese language. We have reported many times of taking for granted the many places of literature lying around a Baptist church back home.—Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., missionaries to Vietnam

Baptists In S.A. Open New Mission

At a traffic circle where seven streets converge in Barranquilla, Colombia, stands a large, attractive residence topped by a lighted open Bible and cross and bearing the Spanish words for "Baptist Mission." On January 18, more than 250 people filled the building—standing in the hall, porch, or wherever there was a bit of space—for the inauguration of this new mission of Colombian Baptists.

The mission is sponsored by one of Colombia's oldest Baptist churches, Central of Barranquilla, and several members of the mother church are forming the nucleus of the new work. "May the child be protected from the many snares of the evil one," said a Colombian pastor in the dedicatory prayer. "May she be diligent in her task. May she be courageous in the face of opposition, determined in her purpose, and mature in her faith. May she soon be organized into a spotless church ready for the return of the Lord when he comes for his bride."

Four other national pastors and Rev. Roger G. Duck, Southern Baptist missionary who is serving as pastor of the mission, also participated in the inauguration program. The choir from Central Church sang an arrangement of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." "Not only are Colombian Baptists having a part in this work, but you Southern Baptists in the States also share in this happy event," writes Mrs. Duck.

Address Mistake Fills A Purpose

ATLANTA, GA. (BP) — A mistaken address plate helped a young Georgia girl find her way to Christian service in the far West.

Miss Sheila Macon of Pooler, Ga., was a legal secretary in Savannah, Ga. For three weeks a falsely-addressed copy of the Christian Index, came to her office.

The first two copies she did not read, the third one she did. One of the first articles to catch her attention was the need for Tentmakers. Baptist lay people who hold lay secular jobs while voluntarily doing mission work in pioneer Baptist areas.

Having for a time felt a tug toward Christian service of some type, Miss Macon contacted the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for details.

And—to shorten a long story—she is today office secretary for the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union and Student Department and working actively in a small Baptist church in Portland.

All because of a mixup on addresses — a mistake which Editor John J. Hurt of the Christian Index has corrected.

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A 'Teacher At Heart' Guides Education Work

Editors Note: Although February marks a special calendar emphasis on Baptist higher education, it's a year-round task for the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This fourth SBC personality feature from Baptist Press presents Rabun L. Brantley, commission executive secretary.

By Leonard Hill
Baptist Press Staff Writer
No man was ever more self-conscious than Rabun Lee Brantley the autumn day he strode across the campus to teach his first college class. And he had reason to be. He was only 20 years old, unmarried, on an all-girl Baptist campus—Tift College in Forsyth, Ga.

It was slightly surprising he was teaching at all. "I never planned to teach. I just taught!" Teach he did, plus handling such extra-educational chores as business manager, publicity director, dean of men, dean and registrar. Later came top-level positions of college president and vice-president.

Today if the graying, 50-year-old educator chose to pose as an expert on Pink Teas, no one could question his credentials. "I've been to hundreds," he says, recalling one of the occupational hazards of 20 years spent at three Baptist girls' schools—Tift; Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton, Tex.; and Virginia Intermont, Bristol, Va. At Intermont he was president for 11 years.

In addition he sandwiched in a brief interlude with Georgia State College, Atlanta, and editorial job, and was vice-president of his alma mater, Mercer University (Baptist), in Macon, Ga.

"I must have visited in the homes of 10,000 girls, talking with parents and trying to recruit students," the soft-spoken Brantley reminisces. Wherever he travels he constantly meets former students.

This delights him — except when a woman deliberately tries to embarrass him with the question, "You don't know who I am, do you?" "Keeping up with men as they grow older is bad enough," Brantley declares. "But when a former student is feminine she can change dress style, hair style, color of hair and even her name."

Actually, associates claim Brantley has a good memory of names and faces. **Marries Student**
One student he has kept up with is Elizabeth Estes, who attracted his attention soon after he began teaching at Tift. As soon as she graduated he married her! "You know, after we began dating, she would never take a class under me," Brantley recalls.

The couple borrowed money for an exciting honeymoon in



SPACE RACE—"Fiddling around the house is my hobby," says Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission. Has he tried to enter the race for space? Not in actual rockets. But he is concerned with the race to provide space for students at Baptist colleges and their skyrocketing needs in money and faculty. (BP) Photo

Europe and then returned home to pay the debt on a salary suddenly reduced by the 1929 stock market crash.

Brantley believes every man should use his vocation to glorify God. He also believes that all his varied experience teaching and in administration was preparing him for his present job: He is executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission.

"I know the viewpoint both of professor and president," he says, "I've been both." His wide acquaintance with leading figures in educational circles is also an asset as the Education Commission seeks to serve Southern Baptist schools and colleges.

"How do you compare being an administrator to teaching?" someone asked Brantley. "An old professor once warned me," Brantley replied, "never to get into administration. 'Just keep teaching,' he said. But like most teachers I thought I had some ideas about administration and wanted the chance to try them."

"Of course I discovered long ago," he smiled, "that there was usually a difference between what I wanted to do and what I could do." His main regret in his present position is that what he is able to do seems only a drop in the bucket to what needs to be done.

The Education Commission serves Baptist colleges and schools which desire help in finding teachers, planning buildings and raising funds. It serves as a clearing house and source of information for the entire Convention on matters of Christian higher education.

If Brantley had a feminine environment on the campus, the reverse is true at home. His three children were all sons. Today Billy, 24, is married and studying physics in graduate school at Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Richard, 19, is a freshman at Wake Forest College (Baptist) in Winston-Salem, N. C. Lee, the oldest son, died in an auto accident in 1956 a few weeks before he was to graduate from college. His loss was deeply felt by the family.

The Brantleys have a warm family companionship. While their home is located between two golf courses, Brantley doesn't play golf.

Hobby Fiddling Around
"My hobby is fiddling around the house," he says. "Fiddling" may range from fixing an aerial on the 35-foot roof to the dismay of Mrs. Brantley — to building a cat house heated with a light bulb. He vows someday to invent a baking pan with many corners to turn out a cake with all crust.

"The crusty pieces are more chewy and tasty," declares Brantley, who despite an admitted liking for desserts, keeps his medium build trim. Brantley is a layman. His

pastors says, "I wish I had a church full of laymen like him."

When arranging his schedule he makes a definite effort to avoid being away from his church on Sunday. When he is gone the church misses a solo tenor, a college men's class teacher and a deacon.

Brantley was born on a farm near Sylvania, Ga., one of five children. He was converted at 12 and baptized at nearby Green Hill Baptist Church. From Mercer University he obtained a master's degree in journalism and George Peabody College in Nashville granted him a doctor's degree in English.

Today he converses with equal intelligence and enthusiasm about Shakespeare or his Georgia farm.

During World War II, like many people, he held two jobs. At night he was a teacher. Daytime he was editor of Southern Automotive Journal, even though as he expressed it, "I didn't know a transmission from a carburetor."

Fortunately, it was his editorial skill that was in demand and he had skilled technicians to advise him on correct mechanical practice.

"I never thought I'd come to Nashville to live," he says. "I thought the climate was terrible when I was here in school. But my family and I feel right at home now, and we love this city."

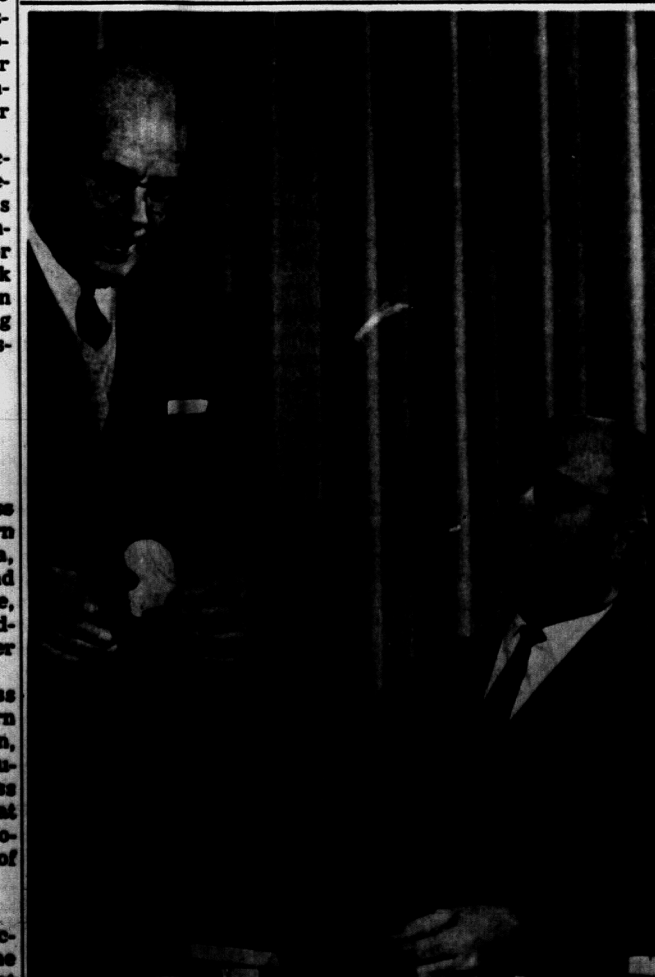
Since coming to the Education Commission in 1950, the Brantley circle of friends has not ceased to grow. Partly responsible are contacts through such things as Kiwanis Club (he has 16 years' perfect attendance) and participation in civic and educational groups.

It is Brantley's conviction a man's Christian influence should be felt outside the walls of his own church.

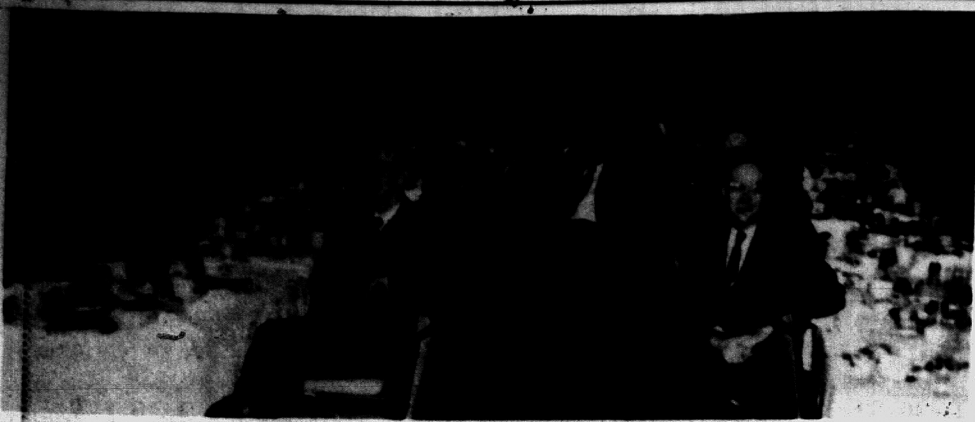
"I'll never get away from being a teacher at heart," Brantley says, and adds in the same breath, "but I love my present work." He says he came to the Education Commission and Nashville because he believed it was God's will.

Missionaries Commissioned

ATLANTA (BP)—An associational missionary working in Arizona and two area missionaries serving northern and western portions of Michigan were formally commissioned following an orientation period at the Home Mission Board. Those commissioned during the board's February meeting included Lawrence E. Cobb as an associational missionary in Yuma, Ariz., as well as Austin Dale Maddux, working out of Flint, Mich., and Claude Newton Roy, with time base Battle Creek, Mich. Maddux, an area missionary serving in northern part of Michigan, while Roy is serving in western part of the state.



NASHVILLE—'OLD ROCKIN' CHAIR'S GOT ME!' Mississippi Executive Secretary Chester L. Quarles seems to be saying it James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board. Quarles is seated in a rocking chair from the porch of Pritchett Hall at Edgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. Each state convention office will receive one of the chairs from the building which is being replaced for the 1964 assembly season. The men are examining another memento of Pritchett Hall—a portion of stair rail—which will be distributed to people who have once slept in that hotel.—BBB Photo.



MOST OF THOSE attending the Pike Pastor-Deacon are seen.

130 ATTEND PIKE DEACON-PASTOR BANQUET

Arizona Pastor Moves To Mississippi

Rev. H. L. Griffin has moved from the pastorate of Manor Church, Tucson, Arizona, to 1307 Camp Street, Hattiesburg. He is now available for revival supply work, or a pastorate. (His step-son is a member of the faculty of University of Southern Mississippi.)

Ordained at First Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma, Rev. Griffin was pastor in Oklahoma seven years, in Texas for seven years, and in Arizona for five years.

While Rev. Griffin was pastor in Beaumont, Texas, he led College Street Church in the erection of an educational building, auditorium, and pastor's home. When Mrs. Griffin became ill with arthritis, the couple moved to Arizona.

While in Arizona, Rev. H. L. Griffin held two pastores, the first at Safford, where he led in erecting an educational building and remodeling the auditorium.

While pastor at Manor Church, Tucson, Rev. Griffin led in the construction of three educational buildings, fully organized and equipped all departments in the Sunday school, and brought the school to standard. The Sunday school enrollment increased from 61 to 240 in the three years while Rev. Griffin was pastor. The membership doubled and the finances increased 500 percent. When he left Manor Church, all the equipment was debt-free, including a new organ and piano for the auditorium.

He was elected moderator of the Baptist Association in Tucson in 1961. He was president of pastors' conference when he left the state.

Mrs. Griffin, whose arthritis is well now, is an organist.

Oklahoman Accepts New Post At BSSB

NASHVILLE—James Walton Chatham, a native of Caddo County Okla., on Feb. 18 will assume the position of superintendent of associational organization in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville.

Our aim was and still is to establish a Christian home. Striving for this goal, we established family worship. We have been rewarded in ways we had never anticipated.—Mary Cobb in March HOME LIFE.

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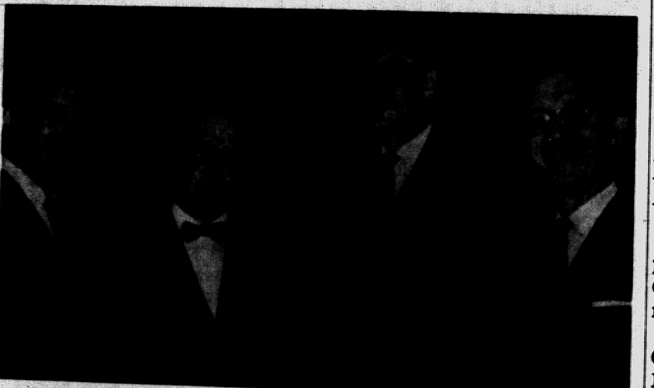
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W. R. ROBERTS, State Director of the Pastor-Deacon program, chats with Ralph L. Reeves, McComb, Convention Board member from Pike, while Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, Associate Executive Secretary, and Rev. M. F. Wicker, Vice-Moderator, look on. From left: Mr. Reeves, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sansing and Mr. Wicker.



SPECIAL MUSIC was rendered by a quartet from McComb. From left: Tommy Davis, Dr. John Brock, James Rickham and Frank Farris.



FOUR OF THOSE at head table are seen, left to right: Rev. J. A. Ferrell, associational clerk; Hershel Grady, Training Union Director; E. O. Murrell, associational treasurer; and J. Monroe Reeves, Moderator.

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YOUTH WEEK IN MISSISSIPPI

Youth Week is an activity in which a church uses its intermediates and Young People in the official positions of church life for one full week. The Training Union, with the co-operation of other church organizations, should assume responsibility for planning and carrying out the project. It fits ideally into the program of Training Union. Youth Week is a laboratory project in which the Intermediates and Young People of a church may have further opportunity to learn to do by doing.

The week of March 17-23 has been designated as Youth Week in the Southern Baptist Convention. However, it is suggested that if this time is not suitable, then it would be well to schedule it later in the year. May we offer this suggestion—hold Youth Week in the summertime when more of your college students are home, so that they may share in Youth Week in your church.

Below is a sample Youth Week report blank. These are available from the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. Youth Week pamphlets are now available from our department also. These give complete details of Youth Week.

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Church Association

Director Address

This is to certify that Youth Week was observed during the Period.

Please make any comments you desire concerning the value of Youth Week or special activities engaged in during the week.

Baptist Child Care Said Tops In Field

By John E. Roberts
CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (BP) — A Presbyterian professor told Baptist children's home managers they are "Leaders in the field" of church-related child care institutions.

A Baptist theologian told the same group here they need "A more professional approach" in their ministry.

Both addressed the 1963 meeting of the child care executives of Southern Baptists. Administrators of Southern Baptist children's homes, and wives of the administrators, are members of the group.

The homes are operated by state Baptist bodies rather than by the Southern Baptist Convention itself.

The child care executives appointed a committee to work with any Baptist school which will train social workers. The objective is a school in an SBC Seminary which would offer the Master of Social Work Degree.

"The greatest need of children is for their present and potential to be understood by their adult associates," Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest, N. C., Dean of Southeastern Seminary, told the child care executives.

Need Christian Love
"All children, and particularly those who have been hurt by separation from living parents, need a sympathetic environment of Christian love in which they can develop to the full." The group met here as guests of the Baptist children's

homes of North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wagoner is general superintendent of the homes. It was the group's 15th annual meeting and its first in North Carolina.

Binkley said all Southern Baptists should be made aware that the care of children, particularly those with special needs, is a delicate and difficult task. "It is expensive and it requires professional skill, human understanding and religious motivation," he said.

Tour Deadline Nearing Deadline

Deadline for reservations for the 1963 Mississippi College European tour is rapidly approaching.

Dr. Gertrude Lippert, tour director, announced today that February 15 will be the final date on which reservations for the tour can be accepted.

Dr. Lippert quotes the cost of the tour as \$1050, based on 1962 prices with the fee including passage to and from Europe, transportation while overseas, hotel fees, and the morning and evening meal.

A registration fee of \$100 is due before the February 15 deadline, with total payment due June 15. The money will be refunded should an individual withdraw two weeks before sailing time.

The 1963 tour offers 41 days of sightseeing and travel on the continent. A number of reservations have already been made and Dr. Lippert emphasizes that others desiring to make the trip should contact her at once.

For more information write to P. O. Box 136, Clinton, or call Dr. Lippert at 2721 in Clinton.



VAN WINKLE CHURCH, Jackson, on Sunday morning, February 10, presented to Randy Smith the most coveted award in Boy Scouts, the God and Country award. Left to right, above, are Charlie Wall, Institutional Representative; Randy Smith; and Scout Master, Walter Hawkins. At the service a personal letter to Randy from Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was read. Rev. H. A. Millner is pastor at Van Winkle. This was the first such award ever presented at this church.

First Mission Volunteer At New Zion

Cynthia Cruise, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cruise of Liberty, and member of New Zion Church, Liberty, has publicly surrendered as a foreign missions volunteer.

Cynthia is the first such decision in the history of New Zion Church, which was organized in 1881.

Cynthia hopes to work with children in some way. After graduation from high school, she plans to enroll at William Carey College.

Rev. A. E. Weaver is pastor of the New Zion Church.

Revival Dates

Meiose (Yazoo): March 3-10; services at 7 p.m. nightly; Rev. Al Finch, pastor of Calvary Church, Yazoo City, evangelist; Rev. Graves Collins, pastor and song leader. Dinner will be served on the grounds on March 3.

Yazoo City, First: February 17-24; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Mrs. Martha Branham, Dallas, Texas, guest soloist; Rev. James F. Yates, pastor; Charles Higgins, minister of music and director of the Revival Choir.

Alta Woods, Jackson, February 25-March 3; Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, evangelist; Robert L. Snead, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, music leader and soloist; Dr. Joe H. Cothen, pastor.

Clarksdale, Riverside: Feb. 25-March 3; Rev. Joe Royalty, Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson, evangelist; L. V. Martin, Riverside minister of music, singer; Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, pastor.

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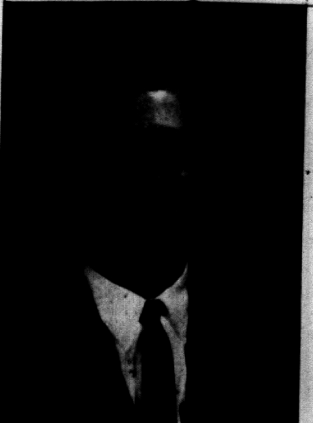
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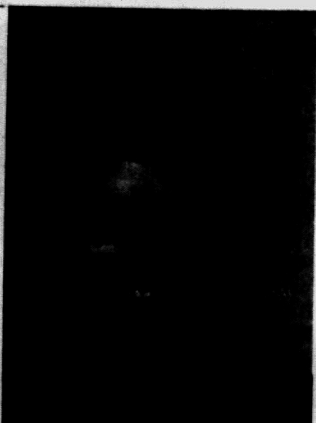
Johnny Baker



Miss Mississippi



Altus Newell



Susan Cameron

Program Personalities:

Johnny Baker — senior student at Mississippi State University. Featured speaker on Saturday morning.

Charlotte Carroll — Mississippi's representative to the Miss America Pageant will be the banquet speaker on Friday evening.

Altus Newell — student at Mississippi College will lead the music for the Queen's Court.

Susan Cameron — a Queen Regent from Purvis, Mississippi, will be the pianist.

Registration will be made on the blanks provided on request from the W. M. U. office. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Methodists Open New Senior Citizens' Home

DETROIT (RNS)—A new 10-story home for senior citizens was scheduled to open here March 1 under Methodist auspices. Called the Boulevard Temple Methodist Home, it includes 46 apartments and a 64-bed nursing facility.

Decatur Baptist College Approves Move To Dallas

DECATUR, Tex. (BP) — Trustees of Decatur Baptist College, the world's oldest junior college, voted to move the school from the site of its founding 70 years ago to a brand new campus in Dallas. The school will begin its move to the metropolitan center 63 miles southeast of Decatur in June of 1965.

The action of the Decatur trustees, who voted 19-0 in favor of the school's relocation, was considered the major hurdle in getting a Baptist College off the planning board in Dallas.

Final approval must come from the Texas Baptist Education Commission, the state Baptist Executive Board, and from messengers to the annual Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Bethel (Cophah)	97 93
Bilston	
First	397 201 5
Bay Vista	223 96 9
Big Ridge	184 147 1
Brandon, 1st	417 212 1
Brookhaven, 1st	877 316 1
Main	800 289 1
Halbert Heights	77 7
Byram Memorial	116 36
Canton, Center Terrace	283 129
Cedar Grove (Greene)	122 75
Cleveland, Immanuel	226 109 6
Columbus, 1st	232
Corinth, 1st	436 154 1
Clarkston, Oakhurst	561 284 3
Crystal Springs, 1st	615 201 3
Fellowship (Pike)	48 41
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MRS. LAMAR McDONALD, First Church, Vicksburg, is pictured in the church library. During the church year 1962 she completed 100 study course books.

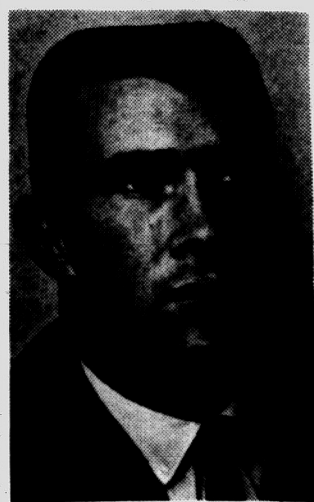
Completes 100 Study Course Books In A Single Year At Vicksburg

Mrs. Lamar McDonald of First Church, Vicksburg, completed 100 Study Course books during the church year 1962. Thirty-six of these books were in Category 17. The largest number of books completed in one month was 25 in April. The average number of books per month was 8.13.

This accomplishment played a great part in helping the church attain a Standard Sunday School for the first time in its history. There came the time during this period that Mrs. McDonald would have taken more books had she not caught up with the authors; there were just no more books available.

Mrs. McDonald, a relatively new Christian, arose very early in the mornings before the rest of her family, and studied. "She is an active and consecrated member of this church and often she volunteers to

work in various positions. One of her loves is that of preparing meals for large groups and has proven herself to be a connoisseur of good foods. She has a willingness and desire to serve her Christ that every Christian should have," states her pastor, Dr. John G. McCall.



Tommy McCurley

Union Pastor To Be Ordained

Tommy McCurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCurley of Gloster will be ordained to the gospel ministry on February 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Galilee Church, Gloster.

Rev. Glenn Smith, pastor, will be in charge of the service.

Rev. McCurley, who was licensed to preach by the Galilee Church, was on January 1 called as pastor of the Union Church in Mississippi Association, Wilkinson County.

Children's Home Staffer Writes For Magazine

Miss Betty Pope, Mississippi native and music director at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe, La., wrote an article which appears in the February issue of "The Church Musician", published by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. Miss Pope has written on the subject of serving as music director in a Baptist children's home.

She joined the staff of the home in 1956 immediately upon graduation from New Orleans Theological Seminary. Earlier she received a degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg as a piano major and taught school in Mississippi for five years.

At the children's home, Miss Pope teaches private piano and organ lessons and directs six children's choral groups. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pope, live in Brookhaven, Miss. and her brother, Bradley Pope, is pastor of First Church, Shelby.

Orange Grove Calls Music Man

Kermit M. Hudson, a native of Jasper, Alabama, has been called as music director of the Orange Grove Church, Orange Grove, Jackson County. A graduate of Walker County High, he attended Walker Junior College.

He is married to the former Bonnie Faye Powell of Jasper; they have two children, Tanya Jeneane, four, and Randall Devon, seventeen months.

He is employed by Ingals Shipbuilding Corporation.

In addition to contributing to the national tax load through its criminals, drinking drivers, and other offenders, the alcoholic beverage industry is causing widespread trouble with its discarded by-products: the cans and bottles which litter the countryside. — William L. Roper in March HOME LIFE.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

"Thou Art The Christ"

Mark 8:27 to 9:1
By Clifton J. Allen

The ministry of Jesus was a continuing revelation of his deity. By mighty deeds and clear



teaching he led his disciples to the point where they believed him to be all that he claimed to be. The lesson we are to study is the confession of their faith, voiced by Simon Peter, that Jesus was in very fact the Christ—the promised Messiah. Though their confession was sincere, they understood all too little of its meaning. This is seen by their utter failure to understand the necessity for his self-sacrifice on the cross. Jesus' instruction to the disciples confronts us with the central truth about both his nature and his mission.

We talk glibly about confessing Christ. What content and meaning have we given to this confession by our living? How well do we understand its meaning in New Testament teaching? Are we willing to make the meaning of the cross the test of our confession?

The Lesson Explained

PETER'S CONFESSION (vv. 27-30)

For a period of time Jesus had studiously avoided the thickly populated area around the Sea of Galilee. Now he withdrew into the regions of Caesarea-Philippi into relative seclusion with his disciples. As a sort of climax of this period of training, Jesus addressed to the disciples specific questions about himself. He was probing the minds and hearts of the disciples. Had they seen in his human form also his divine nature? Had they recognized in him the Redeemer promised to Israel? Had they understood that he was the Suffering Servant? The very question of Jesus brought their faith to the point of clear-cut affirmation: "Thou art the Christ." Their faith had not come by natural apprehension but by revelation from heaven. Because the disciples understood so little of the deep meaning of their confession and because the time was premature for the open announcement of his deity, Jesus charged them, for the time being, not to declare his true identity to others.

THE SUFFERING SERVANT (vv. 31-33)

Here we have a turning point in Jesus' ministry: he described the outcome of his ministry—rejection by the religious leaders, suffering to the point of being killed, and resurrection from the grave. Again Peter was spokesman for the group, voicing a vehement protest. The disciples could not understand that suffering was a part of God's plan for the Messiah. They were utterly unwilling for their Master to suffer so shamefully and terribly because they failed to understand the nature of God as vicarious love. Jesus' rebuke to Simon Peter was severe. It had to be, because the attitude voiced by Peter was like a temptation from Satan, a temptation to turn from the cross, a stumbling block to keep Jesus from the cross and his voluntary self-sacrifice for the sin of the world. Peter was thinking like men think: save self; Jesus was thinking as God thinks: give self.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP (vv. 34-38)

Jesus now declared something of the cost of Christian discipleship. One must "deny himself." This is not a matter simply of giving up petty indulgences or even forsaking major luxuries for doing without legitimate comforts. It is renouncing self and the right of self to dominate one's life; it is making self subservient to Christ, wanting only to be an instrument of the will of Christ. Discipleship demands that one "take up his cross." This is not to be thought of as accepting a burden or enduring some torturing trial. To take up one's cross calls for identification with the cross of Christ, involvement in the meaning and purpose of Christ's cross, a commitment of oneself to the cause of world redemption. Discipleship calls for self-giving. If one tries to save his life, he will lose it; if he is willing to lose his life for the sake of Christ and for the sake of the gospel, he will save his life.

The Christian must be willing to confess Christ in the face of a hostile world, in the face of ridicule and persecution, even at the risk of one's own life. Christ cannot do other than be ashamed of a faithless

follower. He can have no joy or pride in the Christian who denies him. These words of Jesus are fearful indeed. But they are meant to help us to know the high demands and blessed privilege of confessing him as Lord.

Truths to Live By

It matters what we think of Christ.—He is the only Saviour from sin. His earthly life is the criterion of all human values. His eternal sovereignty is the hope of justice and righteousness on the earth. His coming again at the end of the age is the assurance of the victory of the kingdom of God. Not to think about him is to be blind to ultimate reality, deaf to the word of authority, and indifferent to the grace of the Almighty. To think falsely about Christ is to think falsely about life.

Christ tests our faith.—Christ is never satisfied with a traditional faith, a faith that will not come to grips with the hard facts and stern duties of life. He tests our faith by the promises he makes, the commands he gives, the opportunities he provides, and the hardships and trials and hazards he allows to come our way. We may expect to experience the afflictions of our common humanity—possible disease, sorrows and disappointments, failures and frustrations, tragedy

resulting from human wickedness and from divine providence. We must live in a world with all the frightening possibilities of nuclear destruction or indescribable human achievement. In a world like this, Christ expects us to be the people of faith.

Confessing Christ calls for commitment.—This means submission to the will of Christ and dedication to the work of Christ and acceptance of the authority of Christ. It means fidelity to the practice of Christian love toward all other persons. It means such commitment to the cause of world redemption that life's supreme objective is to strive for the spread of the gospel, the evangelization of the lost, and the establishment of justice and righteousness in the earth.

College Given Two Farms

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)—Two irrigated farms, valued at \$175,000, have been deeded to Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) here under terms of a trust made by the late R. C. Johnson and his wife of Lubbock, Tex.

The two irrigated farms, comprising 340 acres, are located near Littlefield, Tex.

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CHURCH STUDY COURSE RECORD INFORMATION

The Sunday School Board has made available a new inquiry service to churches and individuals desiring Church Study Course record information. A church may request the record of all of its members, or an individual may request his personal record. There are two (2) ways in which awards information should be requested.

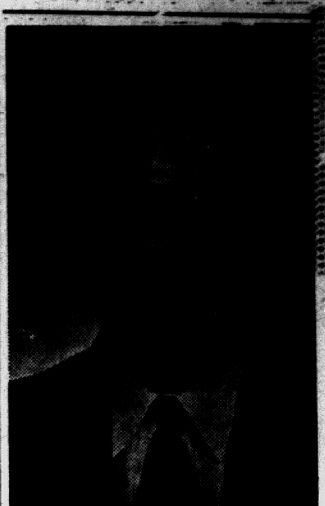
1. If study course awards information is desired on all of a church's members who have records, a representative of the church should: (1) print plainly on a postal card the name and address of the church; (2) state that study course awards information is desired for all the church members who have records; (3) send the card to Church Study Course Awards Office, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. You'll receive the records and the church will be billed at 10c per record.

2. If study course awards information is desired for an individual or any number of individuals: (1) send a letter giving the individual name or names AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CHURCH; and (2) include 25c for each individual requested to the Church Study Course Awards Office, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Records are filed by churches. The church card is the only address in the file. All the people in each church who have study course records have an individual record card filed with the church card. So, information must be given either on individual or a churchwide basis. Requests for a selection group within a church must be treated as individual requests, and charged the individual rate.

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Harold Wilder

Accepts Pastorate At East Tupelo

Rev. Harold Wilder, a former resident of Tupelo, has resigned as pastor of the Little Union Church, Taylorsville, Ky. to accept the pastorate of the East Tupelo Church, Tupelo.

A graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi Southern, Rev. Wilder attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. While at the Little Union Church, Rev. Wilder led 163 people to be added to the Church, 87 of these by the profession of faith. For two consecutive years he led the church in attaining an Advance Standard Sunday School, and for the past two years they have reached a Standard Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Wilder is married to the former Addie Sue Clayton of Pontotoc. They have one child, a sixteen-year-old son, Lynn. The Wilders will move to the new parsonage, recently purchased by the church, on February 25. He will assume his duties as pastor of the East Tupelo Church immediately after arriving on the field of service.

Rev. J. I. Berryhill was pastor at East Tupelo for 31 years preceding his death last September.

Those helping in the interim before another pastor was called included Rev. Harold Anderson, Lee County Superintendent of Missions, Dr. Foy Rogers, Rev. Elmer Howell, Dr. W. P. Davis, and Rev. James Harrell, all from the Mississippi Baptist State headquarters in Jackson.

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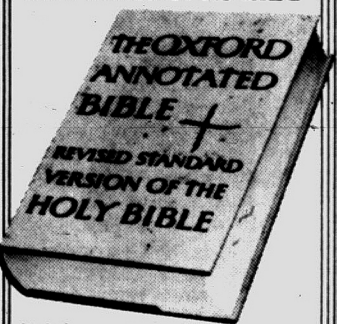
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Converted Or Confused?

By Rev. Norman Deaton, Pastor,
Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain

Not long ago a fine college girl came to my study for a conference. She was quite active in our BSU and local church program, and was well-liked on our campus. She startled me by saying, "Pastor, although I've been an active church member since I was nine, I've finally realized that I had not really been saved, and last night I received Christ into my heart for the first time!" After I got over the initial shock, and remembered some similar cases, I questioned her about the experience. Her clear, forthright answers would leave no doubt in any pastor's mind that she knew what she was doing. Today she is a radiant, earnest, poised Christian, as different from the "good imitation" she once was as day is from night.



Had this been an isolated happening, it might not give as much pause for thought. But most experienced pastors can report similar cases, as can BSU directors and laymen who work with Intermediates and Young People. In many Billy Graham crusades, as high as forty percent of those who make professions of faith are already church members, but feel that they have never really been converted. There are three million Southern Baptists who are non-resident, and two million resident church members who are not even enrolled in Sunday School. Does it seem likely that the majority of these are "new creatures in Christ?" Jesus tells us there will be "many" on the day of judgment who feel that they have "done many wonderful works" in His name, but who will be shocked to hear Him say, "I never knew you! Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity!" Is it possible that, in our good intentions and our haste for numerical growth, we have baptized a good many well-meaning but unconverted people?

In talking with young people whose first profession "misfired," one is impressed with several recurrent factors. They report that when they first joined the church as children, there was no conviction of sin, no sense of being "lost" and needing a Saviour, no clear and adequate understanding of salvation, and little or no parental or pastoral counseling. In some cases, unintentional pressure from some adult or from their own age group influenced the decision.

Wise pastors, teachers, and parents will recognize these dangers, and take intelligent precautions and remedial procedures. They will use every opportunity to present the Gospel as simply and clearly as possible, pray, and try to let the only pressure exerted be the inward convicting work of the Holy Spirit. When a child expresses an interest in becoming a Christian, he should be carefully and gently questioned to find out what he understands conversion to mean, and patiently led to a genuine commitment. Not only will such an experience more likely be genuine salvation, but it will be a bulwark against future intrusions of doubt.

What can be done to help those who are secretly and anxiously wrestling with doubts about their salvation? In our preaching and teaching, we constantly need to make clear what a Christian is and what one is not. We need also to create a climate of attitude in which the silent sufferer will not feel disgraced to admit that he has doubts. We must be "approachable," and let it be known that anyone with such difficulties will find in us a sympathetic counselor. We will find that some who come to us are already Christians, with some other inner conflict causing the doubt, while others may be helped to a genuine first-time decision. Such an approach will prove what the Apostles meant: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith..." (II Cor. 13:5) "These things have I written... that ye may know that ye have eternal life." (I. Jn. 5:13)



THE TRUSTEES of Clarke College, Newton, are led on an inspection tour of the new \$165,000 Science Building by President W. L. Compere at their recent meeting. Dr. Levon Moore, Chairman for the past year, welcomed two new members to the Board, Dr. Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor of First Church Meridian, and W. E. Granberry, delta planter from Jonestown. Officers of the Board for 1963 are: Rev. Estus Mason, pastor, First Church, Crystal Springs, Chairman; W. A. Taylor, industrialist of Louisville, Vice-chairman; and Elliott McMullan, mayor of Newton, Secretary.

NAMES In The News

Rev. John Merck has resigned as pastor of the Wayside Mission of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. He will graduate from William Carey College in May, and will enroll at New Orleans Seminary in the fall. During the year and a half that he has served at Wayside Mission, a new building has been constructed. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is pastor at Main Street, the sponsoring church.

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Fant will assist in a revival in Klamath, California Feb. 24 - March 3. He is a former pastor of the church and will serve as the evangelist while his wife assists in the music program. Rev. Fant has been pastor of the Union Church, Smith County, for 3 1/2 years. Rev. L. G. Chang, Jr. is presently the pastor at Klamath and formerly pastored in Mississippi.

Rev. J. H. Reeves recently was honored by the Pleasant Hill Church in Desoto Association on the observance of his tenth anniversary as their pastor. Rev. Reeves is vice-moderator of the association.

Rev. Ira Perkins and his wife, Betty, are now missionaries in Brazil. Rev. Perkins is the former pastor of the Trinity Church, Desoto Association, which is Betty's home church.

Their address is Caixa Postal, 552, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Andrew Elder youngest son of Mrs. Robert F. Elder, Emiritus missionary to Argentina, died January 30 of a heart attack in Milford, N. J. Mrs. Elder may be addressed at M. Capello 171, Banfield, Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was born in Oamaru, New Zealand.

Rev. Jobe R. Miller has recently accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Moriah Church, Marshall Association. His address is Box 249, Holly Springs.

Susan Wofford, Drew, a sophomore at Blue Mountain College, has been elected House President Representative of the Student Government Association for the second semester.

Rev. Lloyd Sparkman began his tenth year as pastor of First Church Kosciusko, the first Sunday in February.

Rev. W. D. Burns has accepted the pastorate of the Jonestown and Dundee Churches in Riverside Association, and moved to Jonestown on February 12. He will preach at Jonestown the first and third Sundays of the month and at Dundee the second and fourth Sundays. Rev. Burns

moved to Jonestown and Dundee from Walnut in Quitman County where he was pastor for two years and two months. He is married to the former Mary Rice of Drew. They have one adopted son, David Alan, six months.

Rev. Bob Yates has accepted the pastorate of the Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County. Rev. Yates comes from Gum Springs Church, Simpson county, and will move on the field this month.

Churches In The News

Rena Lara Church, Riverside Association, has organized a Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. A. T. Schooler was elected president.

Horn Lake Church has changed its name to First Church, Horn Lake. The old Horn Lake pastorage is now a new baby building. The church yard is soon to be paved.

Eudora Church, Desoto County, has several new stained glass windows, and they have placed the Baptist Record in their budget.

Days Church, Desoto County, has obtained new pews and pulpit furniture.



TWO STUDENTS from Mississippi have completed the requirements for the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and will be graduated in May at the regular commencement exercises. The Mississippians are Luther S. Bullard, left, Long Beach, and Andrew C. Puckett, right, Columbus.

Mississippian Selected For New BSSB Post

NASHVILLE—Ras B. Robinson, Jr., native of Jones County, Miss., has been named to a new post at the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Robinson has assumed new duties as systems analyst in the organization and methods staff, Office of Management



HUBERT GRAY, 13-year-old Intermediate, has been awarded an attendance pin for seven years perfect attendance at Sunday school. He received the pin from the Washington Church, Washington, Miss. Rev. Burns Barrett, pastor. Hubert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gray.

Services. He was formerly research assistant in the board's Research and Statistics Department.

Before going to the board, he conducted a newspaper research study of the City of Baton Rouge, La., for the "State Times" and "Morning Advocate."

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Robinson holds B. S. and M. B. A. degrees in marketing.

He is married to the former Beverly Jane Hartsfield, of Laurel. They have a son and a daughter.



BETTY GILENTINE, of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, recently received her perfect attendance pin after eight perfect years of attending Sunday school. Betty is nine years of age. Dr. Robert Hamblin is the Harrisburg pastor.

Waynesboro Survey 92.29% Complete

The recent interdenominational religious survey, conducted in Waynesboro was 92.29% complete. Curtis Hester, music and educational director of the First Baptist Church was in charge of tabulations, according to Rev. O. D. Morris, Associate in Cooperative Missions Department.

Under the leadership of Rev. E. F. Hicks, pastor of First Baptist and chairman of the Map & Zone Committee, the city was divided into three areas: West, North and South-East. From the tabulation for spiritual condition, a set of influencing social and economic characteristics were analyzed according to these areas.

The western and northern sections of the city were equal in family size. However, the children in the western area were in the early teens, while in the northern section they were predominantly of primary age. In the South-East area of the city the families were very small.

GENERAL SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS

Persons with church membership comprised 81% of the population 9 years of age and over; 21% of these held membership outside the area. Of the remaining 1300 local members, only 18 were inactive, which is proportionately smaller than the usual areas surveyed in Mississippi. Three hundred and seventy-five persons, 9 years and over, were not church members, of which only 25 professed to be Christians. Of the 466 children under 9 years of age 176 (or 38%) were prospects for S. S.

Only 63.7% of the population in the western third of the city was unreached. More than one-fourth of the local church members did not attend more than twice a year. It was further noted that there were as many non-Christians in this area as in the other two sections combined.

This amounts to nearly 30 of all persons 9 years and over in that area. The survey singled out those specific sections of this area where special attention needs to be concentrated. A transient population,

such as was observed in several sections of this area, tend to create certain of these conditions.

Peculiar to the northern third of the city was a large group of unreached young children, equal to the combined total of the other two areas. This particular section of the city is the youngest with many new constructions, young couples, and young children. Those who have affiliated with a local church in this area have the better attendance pattern with only 13% classified as inactive local church members.

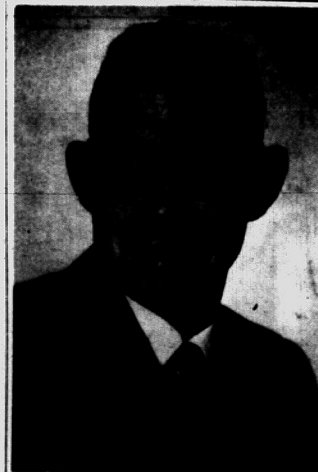
The south-east area of the city is the older section with smaller families and a higher percent of persons churched locally (88.2%). Several segments were observed to have a greater concentration of unenlisted than generally characterized this area.

Beside the large list of unreached persons, the survey equipped the participating churches with a thorough study of the community in which they minister. Rev. Ben Goddard, Superintendent of Missions for Wayne and Greene Baptist Associations, served as coordinator.

Ellistown Goes Full Time

Ellistown Church, Union County, has gone full time. On December 30, 1962, the church dedicated their approximately \$40,000 building debt-free, with Dr. Wilfred Tyler, President of Blue Mountain College delivering the special message. The building, which was completed early in 1960, contains a sanctuary, baptistry, nursery, 16 Sunday school rooms, three restrooms, dining hall, and kitchen.

Ellistown voted to erect this building January 5, 1963, and broke ground for it on March 1 of that year. The pastor, Rev. Clark Rakestraw, states, "We are grateful for what the Lord has done for us and for the help and encouragement we have had from such men as Martin J. Gilbert, H. H. Ward, and R. B. Patterson."



Rev. Taylor Ballard Carrollton And McCarley Call Pastor

Rev. Taylor M. Ballard has begun his ministry as pastor of the Carrollton and McCarley Churches. He and his family have moved on the field and are living in Carrollton.

Rev. Ballard is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary on January 22. He was ordained to the ministry by Second Church, Greenville.

He is married to the former Edith Alexander of Itta Bena, and they have one child, Joe Barton, aged six months.

Rev. Ballard has served as pastor of Forkland Church and Darlove Church, both in Washington County, and the Ponchartrain Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

GEORGETOWN TO BUILD PASTORIUM

Georgetown Church has voted to build a new pastorium. The building committee will make a study and recommend to the church the plans and location of the new home. Those serving on the committee are Mrs. J. O. Farmer, Mrs. Gayden Berry, Buddy G. D. Purvis. Ex-officio members will include Jack Steen, chairman of the deacons, and Edgar Way, local builder.

Rev. Frank W. Gunn, Sr. is pastor.

Moselle Mem. Ordains Deacons

Moselle Memorial Church on February 10 ordained four deacons: Dan O. Mooney, Jr., Johnnie E. Jones, Jr., Clyde T. Hall, and Bobby K. Thompson.

Rev. C. R. Robinson, Rev. L. E. Smith, and Rev. G. M. Welch officiated at the service.

Rev. H. L. Davis is the pastor.

Rev. Deer Is Much Improved

Rev. H. L. Deer is now at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harris Jones of Route 1, Meadville. He was released from University Hospital in Jackson February 8 after having been there since December 28 following an automobile accident in which his wife was killed.

Rev. Deer is much improved and wishes to express to his fellow Christians his sincere appreciation for their interest and prayers.



MISS MARTHA ANN SMITH, Mobile, Alabama, recently joined the faculty of Clarke College, Newton, as organ and piano instructor. Miss Smith is a graduate of the Murphy High School in Mobile and a music major graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. While at the university she was a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Baptist Student Union music chairman, and she served as organist at the Forest Lake Baptist church in that city. The new member of the music department is living in the women's building on the Clarke campus.



Marion Holley Ordained At Calvary, Shannon

Ordination services for Marion Holley were held January 27, at Calvary Church, Shannon.

Rev. Douglas Jones, pastor of Calvary Church, preached the ordination sermon; and the charge to the church and candidate was brought by Rev. G. C. Johnson of Carnation Church, Okolona.

Rev. Holley has been called as pastor of Union Church, Plantersville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holley of Plantersville. His wife is the former Elizabeth Otts of Shannon, and they have one daughter, Jan.

Rev. Holley attended high school in Nettleton, and is a graduate of Clarke College at Newton.

Cuban Refugee Dies In Crash

MIAMI (BP)—The first Cuban refugee of more than 53,000 resettled in the United States outside of Miami lost his life in the crash of a jet airliner which was carrying him to resettlement.

Ramon Diaz, 24, was among 43 passengers and crew members killed February 12 when a Boeing 720 jet of the Northwest Orient Airlines crashed in the swamps of Southern Florida.

The young Cuban, an accountant, was on the Chicago-bound plane as the first lap of a trip to Seattle, Wash., where his resettlement was being sponsored by the Riverton Heights Baptist Chapel.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE is in the midst of annual Christian Focus Week, February 18-22. Miss Jewel Hannah, center, BSU secretary, studies the week's activity list with the two student co-chairmen, Louis Scott and Judy Covington. Eleven outstanding personalities from all over the Convention are on the Carey campus directing Focus Week.